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MIDDLE COURSE.

CANTON AND NATIONALISTS.

GEN. LI'S POLICY.

No Declaration Of Opposition To Nanking.

FOLLOWING THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE.

General Li Chai-sum, as head of the Canton Government, favours a middle course in Kwangtung's policy towards the Central Nationalist Government at Nanking and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Opinion in well-informed circles is that he will refrain from openly declaring opposition to Nanking, at the same time having the minimum of intercourse to retain nominal relations.

In this respect, General Li Chai-sum has shown himself to be consistent by always adhering to the principal of "least resistance" provided he is not unduly pressed. By adopting a negative attitude, he is likely to please the greatest number of politicians and officers in his camp.

Meanwhile the Nanking administration has "ignored" Canton in a programme of general military re-organisation.

"IGNORED."

If the facts be analysed, it will be found that General Li Chai-sum has not come to any new decision, but is merely continuing to do what he has done for some months. He is not in sympathy with Chiang Kai-shek because the latter made advances to the extremists of politicians who, in turn, encouraged the Ironsides to bring about his (Li Chai-sum's) temporary overthrow. For the use of his own administration in Canton, he needs the revenue which he hitherto contributed to Nanking. But he has not declared war on Nanking nor severed relationship in the Nationalist field.

Bringing Matters to a Head

Only yesterday it was announced that mediators in the Nationalist Party were proposing regional division of territory and distribution of power as the basis of Nationalist rapprochement.

On the other hand, Chiang Kai-shek seems to be bringing matters to a head by an attempt to resume active military command. This is referred to elsewhere on this page.

Sounding Other Opinion.

While the majority of influential Nationalists at Canton favours an independent course of activities under General Li Chai-sum, one section prefers compromise, and a very ineffective minority of politicians is staunchly advocating obedience to Chiang Kai-shek.

The "China Mail" political correspondent learns that General Li Chai-sum is of the opinion that nothing has been done towards arriving at an understanding but he nevertheless will not sanction open rupture.

From Chinese sources, it is understood that General Li Chai-sum has been sounding the views of Admiral Yang Shu-chuang (who is in power in Fukien) and General Chu Pei-teh (Kiangsi).

"Lower Degree" of Harmony. For the present, therefore, it can be assumed that Canton will obey Nanking in matters of general Nationalist policy which do not adversely affect Canton. In domestic affairs, there is likely to be a lower degree of harmony.

As to the extremist politicians with whom Chiang Kai-shek "flirted," General Li Chai-sum will advocate continued opposition.

Li Chai-sum, however, will insist on autonomy in the Canton city and Kwangtung provincial branches of the Nationalist Party, the final decisions of which to rest with the Kwangtung branch of the Political Council, which is dominated by him.

THE OTHER SIDE.

Chiang Kai-shek's Re-grouping Scheme.

Nanking, Yesterday. Consequent on the reorganisation in Nationalist army commands, it is reported that the land forces will now be divided into four main groups, as follows:

1st.—The former 1st Route Army and units under the Central Nationalist Government at Nanking—commanded by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.
2nd.—The Kuomintang, i.e., the units in Honan (also Shensi,

PIRATES AT BAY.

Launch Sinks After A Victory!

WEST RIVER RAPIDS.

Vibration From Guns Leads To Foundering.

Pakkai, Yesterday. How a steam-launch, after a gallant fight with pirates, foundered because the vibration of gun-firing shook her so badly that she leaked, is related in a report just to hand.

A fleet of tow-boats, on the run between Canton and Suncheong, towed by steam-launches, was attacked by pirates from the banks of the Kamchuk Rapids (West River delta). Several passengers were killed and wounded on the defenceless merchant craft.

The convoy, however, had a protector in an armed launch, named the "Tai Kwong." She kept up a running duel with the pirates and the fleet of boats passed out of range under her cover.

"Pig's Head" Mountain. The fight lasted over an hour. When the "Tai Kwong" began to steam away, she made water rapidly and ultimately sank off Chu Tau Shan (Pig's Head Mountain). She is mounted with quick-firers and machine-guns, the vibration of which loosened the vessel up so badly that the disaster became almost unavoidable.

In any case, the pirates on the Rapids were cheated of their prey.—Our own correspondent.

SLIGHT EVIDENCE.

MAGISTRATE'S REMARKS TO POLICE.

QUEER STORY.

At the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, the master and folk of the Man Lee firm of No. 4, Morrison Street were charged with assaulting Chinese constable No. C498 and the master also with tearing the constable's tunic.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the defence. According to the constable, he was on duty in Morrison Street at 8.45 last night when he saw the first defendant on the pavement. He stopped the man to search him for arms, but the first defendant resisted him, and in the struggle which ensued, second defendant assisted No. 1. First defendant tore the witness's tunic, and they struck him on the head and he was rendered almost unconscious. However, he succeeded in blowing his whistle and C427 came to his assistance.

C427 said that when he got to Morrison Street he saw C498 blowing a whistle outside No. 4 house. Neither of the defendants was in the street. C498 pointed them out to the witness. They were then inside the shop on the ground floor of No. 4. The witness went to the doorway of the shop, and asked the defendants to go to the police station, but No. 1 replied that he would not go until a European officer arrived. He also told the witness that C498 had attempted to search him and he had refused to submit unless C498 produced a search warrant.

Sign of Struggle. Lance Sergeant Jessop said that he just happened on the scene whilst on patrol. He saw a crowd outside house No. 4, so he went there to investigate. He did not see C498 there and the latter's cap was handed to the witness by first defendant inside the shop. C427 was there just outside the shop door. When the witness inquired what had happened, first defendant told him that C498 had gone into the shop, and attempted to search him. The witness then accompanied the two defendants to the station. There were signs of a struggle in the doorway of the shop where some camp beds, etc., were lying about.

The first defendant in the witness box said that he was inside his shop behind the counter making up accounts and counting money when C498 came in and demanded to search him. Remarking that the constable had no right to enter the shop, the witness grabbed him by the chest and at the same time blew a police whistle. C498 broke loose from the witness's grip and ran out of the shop. The constable's tunic was

HAYNES AGAIN.

Libel Action Against G. W. C. Burnett.

CASE ADJOURNED.

Judge Makes An Order For Particulars.

In the Summary Court this morning a case was mentioned in which Mr. L. E. Haynes sues Mr. G. W. C. Burnett, managing editor of the "China Mail," for \$1,000 damages for alleged libel.

Mr. A. el Arculli appeared for defendant and Mr. L. E. Haynes appeared in person.

Mr. Arculli said he objected to the writ as drawn. He referred his Honour (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) to Order 3, rule 9 of the White Book under which his Honour would see that full particulars must be given in an action for libel. No particulars had been given in this case.

His Honour indicated that he would make an order for particulars.

Mr. Arculli submitted that the writ was bad ab initio.

His Honour disagreed.

Mr. Arculli again submitted that under Order 3, Rule 9 it was imperative for particulars to be given.

His Honour said he thought Sec-

FRESH AND FAIR.

N.E. winds, fresh, fair, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

A depression has formed to the east of Tokio. The anticyclone has strengthened slightly. Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

tion 19 of the Summary Jurisdiction Ordinance covered the case.

Mr. Arculli: And Section 14 of the same Ordinance says that full particulars must be given.

His Honour: I will order particulars and then continue.

Mr. Arculli: With costs?

His Honour: No. Particulars to be given and one week; (addressing Mr. Haynes), "full particulars must be given in writing."

Mr. Arculli continued that that was no bar to his asking for pleadings. He submitted that his client was entitled to costs. Because a person chose to act as a "lay lawyer" that was no reason why his client should be embarrassed.

His Honour: Everyone has a right to appear here and conduct his own proceedings.

Mr. Arculli: Yes that is true, but certain rules must be observed.

His Honour: Mr. Haynes is acting just like any other plaintiff. Mr. Arculli indicated that he would ask for pleadings and for particulars.

His Honour: At present, the matter stands adjourned for one week with order for particulars against the plaintiff.

torn by his own struggles to get away from the witness, and in running away C498 knocked down some camp beds, etc., which were hanging at the shop door. His cap fell off, and in his hurry to get away, the constable did not even stop to pick it up.

Defendants Discharged.

The folk gave corroborative evidence, after which Mr. Russ submitted that in this case there was more than a doubt of defendant's guilt.

The Magistrate decided to discharge the defendants, and remarked to Sub-Inspector Murphy that he would like to impress on the police that they should produce independent witnesses in such cases.

The Inspector said that he was not aware that there were any eye-witnesses of the affair, and he had collected all the evidence that he could. He thought that the constable's torn tunic was strong evidence against the defendants.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that the obvious thing the police should have done was to send a detective at once to Morrison Street to make inquiries. He warned him that the case might never be brought to Court without first making inquiries.

DEATH SENTENCE.

Sequel To Street Battle of Dec. 7.

SESSIONS TRIAL ENDS.

Jury's Unanimous Verdict After Five Minutes.

The Chinese charged with the murder of a Police searcher near the Yaumatei ferry wharf in the course of the running fight between police and armed robbers on December 7 last was this morning found guilty at the Criminal Sessions and sentence of death was passed by Sir H. C. Gollan, Chief Justice.

The jury, who were absent for five minutes only before bringing in a unanimous verdict, consisted of the following: Mr. G. Bird, (foreman), Mr. L. G. Guterres, Mr. G. Engel, Mr. A. G. Mohammed, Mr. A. Hevey, Mr. S. Yu Man, and Mr. E. Abraham.

The case for the defence opened this morning. Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jr., was for prisoner and Mr. H. S. Fitzroy for the Crown.

At the outset, Mr. d'Almada asked for the interpreter who was the last witness yesterday, deposing to the statement made by prisoner on being charged with the murder of the Chinese searcher. Counsel indicated that he wished the statement to be read which was given by prisoner on being charged with the murder of Chinese constable C36. This statement, indicated counsel, was made ten minutes after the statement made in answer to the present charge.

The interpreter was called and read the statement referred to by counsel to the effect that prisoner had not murdered the constable. He had come to Hong Kong about a month before and was staying at his brother's house. That night, he was passing along and saw people running and some firing shots. He himself ran and reached the place where the police shot him down. He was unconscious and did not know what was the matter. Where, he asked, was the revolver he was supposed to have committed the crime with?

Defence Address.

Mr. d'Almada then addressed the jury for the defence. He referred to the fact that Sgt. O'Flaherty and another constable were the only ones to have said in their evidence that they saw others as well as themselves chasing the fugitive. Although it was possible for all else except their own part to have escaped them in the excitement of the moment, as Police officers with a mind trained to eventualities, he claimed that it would have been registered unconsciously, particularly as some of the witnesses spoke of having been between thirty and forty feet from the fugitive.

Counsel then read from the issue of the "S. C. M. Post" on the day following the robbery and shooting, what had been agreed by a Police witness as being a more or less official account given out to the Press. In this the chase of a second man was referred to. Counsel suggested that this, together with the inability of many of the police witnesses to remember others to have taken part in the chase, supported his contention as to there having been two men chased and that the Police confused one man with another. It was impossible, submitted counsel, for the police to have kept their quarry within sight during the whole of this prolonged chase during which eight corners had been turned round, according to the evidence. Arriving at Chiu Lung Street, and finding a man in white coat and black trousers lying shot by the road the police, submitted counsel, had jumped to the conclusion that the man was the one they were after.

Following Example.

Counsel suggested that what happened was that one man was being chased, he was lost sight of, another was chased and so on. The prisoner had been chased because, seeing others taking to their heels, he followed their example and was finally shot down.

Counsel referred to what he termed inconsistencies and the "unsatisfactory nature" of the evidence adduced by the Crown and submitted that there was a very large element of doubt as to whether this man actually was the one who committed the crime of which he was accused. On

the Federation of all provincial Chambers of Commerce in China has telegraphed to the Nationalist Government at Nanking, pleading for immediate holding of the people's convention at which all national troubles are to be adjusted.—"Kung Sheung Yat Po."

[Note: Chambers of Commerce and other business institutions in South China are federated with the National Chamber.]

Canton's Idea.

Information from Canton merchants is that General Li Chai-sum will refuse to acknowledge any of the decisions arrived at by the fourth plenary session of the Nationalist executive which was recently concluded at Nanking.

Like others have done in the past, Li Chai-sum and his supporters will counter-demand for convocation of the nation-wide congress of Nationalist representatives before which to lay the Party's troubles.

What Nanking is Doing. According to messages from Nanking, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has held a council-of-war at Hsuehchowfu after which he proceeded on the Lug-Hai Railway to Chengchow to confer with the "Christian General," states the "Kung Sheung Yat Po."

Headquarters Abolished.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has informed the Nationalist Government Council that he has ordered the reorganisation of the 1st Route Army and the abolition of its headquarters.

Chiang Kai-shek points out that the 1st Route Army is not mobile from the fact that it controls more than ten army corps and holds a front extending several hundred li (Note: a mile is about 3.1/3 li). He is therefore reorganising it into three army corps, comprising the 1st, 9th and 10th armies under the personal command of Chiang Kai-shek and vice-commander Liu Sze; the 15th, 26th and 33rd under Chen Tiao-yuan and the 27th, 37th and 40th under Ho Yao-tsu.

Appointments.

Ho Ying-ching (hitherto commander of the 1st Route Army) is appointed Chief of Staff but it is understood that he has declined the post.—Reuter.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Hwang Fu left for Nanking this morning to take up the post of Foreign Minister in the Nationalist Government.—Reuter.

Wu-Han Troops In Action.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Engagements are being fought below Shasi between General Ho Chien (the 8th, 35th and 36th Hunanese Armies) and General Lu Ti-ping's 2nd Army.

The 2nd Army is allied to the Wu-Han Nationalist faction which is not well disposed towards the Central Nationalist Government at Nanking.—British Naval Wireless.

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Up the Yangtze.

Wuhu, Yesterday. A proclamation has been issued here by the local Nationalist authorities (who are friendly with the Central Nationalist Government at Nanking), forbidding political and labour union activity.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Wuhu is on the Lower Yangtze, 55 miles above Nanking, or about 250 miles from Shanghai.]

Labour Union Proscribed.

Pakkai, Yesterday. Only the Sanwut city branch of the Tung Tack cargo coolies' guild has been closed down, and not the branches of the union at Kongmoon city, or Pakkai, as stated.—Our own correspondent.

JOINT APPEAL.

A PEOPLES' CONFERENCE.

POLITICAL TROUBLES.

Canton Ignoring Fourth Plenary Decisions.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S COUNCIL OF WAR.

While the Nationalist Government at Nanking is increasing its attention to the war against the Peking Government, the chambers of Commerce of all provinces in China are getting up a joint appeal to the Nationalist Government for a conference of the people to settle all political troubles.

Supporters of the present Canton Government are, on the other hand, maintained that the third convention of all Nationalist representatives should be held to bring about peace.

In North China, Chiang Kai-shek is giving his attention to matters which affect only the Nationalist Party and is reported to have gone to see the "Christian General" in person.

TO VISIT FENG?

Council-of-War.

Nanking, Feb. 10. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, commander-in-chief of the Nationalist Forces, accompanied by his bodyguards and staff-members, left Nanking yesterday for Hsuehchowfu.

Chiang Kai-shek's trip is for the purpose of personally inspecting the defences on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway and conferring with the commanders at the front on the plans for further advance.

Many Prisoners Claimed.

According to an urgent telegram from Talyuanfu, a complete victory was won by the Shansi Army over the Peking Forces on Feb. 5, when a column of the Peking troops attacked Penkian in western Shansi and was overwhelmingly defeated by the Shansi defence forces. During the battle, several thousands of Peking troops were taken prisoner and a huge quantity of ammunition was captured also.

A despatch from Tsinanfu states that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and General Chang Tsung-chang have jointly ordered a withdrawal of the Peking forces from the Tientsin-Pukow Railway to Yenchowfu.—Kuo Mir.

A Japanese View.

Tokyo, Feb. 10. At to-day's meeting of the Cabinet, General Shirakawa, the Minister of War, reporting on the military situation in China, said:—

"According to despatches reaching the War Office, although the war situation in the regions of Taming and Tzuchow was for a time developing favourably to General Feng Yu-hsiang's forces (the 'Christian General') the situation has been reversed as a result of arrival of reinforcements for the Peking armies. There are signs that the 'Christian General's' forces are gradually falling back."—Toha.

AN ANOMALY.

Soldiers for Coast: Sailors for Interior.

London, Yesterday. The "Times," in a leader, reviewing the policing of the Yangtze River and remarking that a greater sense of security is illustrated in the departure of the 2nd Batt. Coldstream Guards, says: "It is quite in keeping with anomalous conditions in China that the coast region should be policed by soldiers and the interior by sailors."—Reuter.

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EUROPEAN TREATY.

BETWEEN GERMANY AND LITHUANIA.

Berlin, Yesterday.

The text of the German-Lithuanian arbitration treaty signed on Jan. 29 lays down that the signatories shall submit to the Hague Arbitration Court all differences not able to be diplomatically settled.

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Hong Kong, 16th Feb., 1923.

NOTICES.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1923.

13th, 14th, 15th and 16th
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The First Race on each day will be run at 12 o'clock noon. The first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

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Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings. Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the Passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 8th January, 1923.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on Saturday, 25th February, 1923 (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 12 o'clock Noon on MONDAY, 20th February, 1923.
Hong Kong, 8th February, 1923.

MACAO RACE CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and Entry Forms of the SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SUNDAY, 4th March, 1923, can be obtained upon application to The International Race & Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd., Hong Kong Jockey Club and Causeway Bay Stables, Hong Kong.

Entries will close on FRIDAY, 24th February, 1923, at 3 p.m.
Hong Kong, 13th February 1923.

NOTICES.

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

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THE CLOSING DAY and DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES will take place on SATURDAY FIRST, 18th February, at 3 p.m.

A. CHAPMAN,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 16th Feb., 1923.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 25th February, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1922.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th February, 1923 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 6th February, 1923.

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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 16th February, 1923, until FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1923, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
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Hong Kong, 15th Feb., 1923.

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SPRING MEETING.

Saturday, 3rd March, 1923.

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Hong Kong, 13th February 1923.

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THE VOLUNTEERS.

NEW DESIGNATION FOR ARTILLERY CO.

LATEST ORDERS.

The following orders have been issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant:—
The Artillery Company will in future be known as "The Battery." A Committee Meeting of the Corps Rifle Club will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.45 p.m. on Monday, February 20. All available Officers and unit representatives are to attend.
Lance-Sergeant F. C. Goodman is appointed Captain of the Corps Rifle Club.

The Garrison Rifle Meeting will take place on April 17, 18, and 19, 1923. Two matches are open to Volunteers; will those interested apply to the Adjutant for details? Conference at Corps Headquarters on Monday, February 27, at 5.30 p.m. on Kirkpatrick Scheme for 1923, all available officers to attend, all ranks interested in reconnaissance work are invited to attend.

Musketry.
The Infantry Company will fire Part I. Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, February 19, 1923.

Range Officer: Lieut. A. H. Penn. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn. Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-day, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, February 18, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Battery.

Owing to the parade ground not being available on Thursday, February 23, there will be no parade that night. Next parade will be at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, March 1, at 5.25 p.m.

Annual Dinner will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Friday, February 24, at 7.45 p.m.

Corps Signals.

Owing to the parade ground not being available on Thursday, February 23, there will be no parade that night, but parade will be held at Corps Headquarters on Friday, February 24, at 5.30 p.m. for Signal Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Armour Car Co.

Machine Gunners will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, February 20, for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Car Section will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, February 20, under 2/Lieut. A. C. Groves.

Motor Cycle Section: Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, February 20, under Lieut. Hancock.

Sunday, February 19, 1923: There will be a tactical ride in the New Territories.

Parade at Kowloon Railway Station at 10.50 a.m. Dress, Tunic, breeches, puttees, belt and helmet.

Infantry Company.
Musketry Part I. Table "T." See Order No. 6.

No. 1 Platoon: Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 21st, and Friday, 24th February for M.G. Training. Dress: Mufti.

No. 2 Platoon: Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21st, for M.G. Training. Dress: Belt, rifle and bayonet.

Scottish Company.

Route March: Thursday, February 23: All Platoons will parade at full strength at Kowloon Ferry at 5.30 p.m. for Route March to Kowloon Dock where No. 6 Platoon have kindly consented to be "At Home" to Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons.

Pipes and Drums will parade as above.
Dress: Glengarry, khaki, tunic, kilt, sporran, diced hose, flashes and spats, rifle, bayonet, belt and frog. Medal ribbons to be worn.

Coming Events.

Reference para. 7 Corps Order No. 316 of last week, the shoot against 2nd Battalion, K.O.S.B., has now been arranged for Sunday, February 26, not Sunday, March 4, as hitherto stated.

Sunday, February 26, 1923: Shoot against 2nd Bn., K.O.S.B. and 2nd Bn., Scots Guards.

Sunday, March 4, 1923: Part I. Musketry at Stonecutters.

Sunday, April 1, 1923: Inter-Platoon shoot for "Dyer" Cup.

"Quarry Bay" Cup for Inter-Platoon efficiency, Drill Guard, Mounting, etc., will be competed for in April after the Easter Holidays.

Portuguese Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, February 17. Drill and Miniature Range. Dress: Mufti, belt, sling, rifle and bayonet.

Next Company parade on Friday, February 24.

N.C.O.'s and Nos. 1 and 2 of Lewis Gun Sections will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, for Lewis Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Reserve Company.

The Machine Gun Class will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22. Dress: Mufti.

Strength.

The following recruit is taken on the strength on February 9, 1923, and posted to No. 7 Platoon (Scottish Company):—No. 1300 Pte. R. J. D. Grieve.

Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—
Major H. E. Standage, O.B.E., from March 1, 1923, to February 28, 1923.

No. 1061 Pte. F. P. Franklin, A.C. Co., from February 1 to October 31, 1923.

No. 1072 Pte. J. R. Hinton, No. 1 Platoon, from March 1, 1923, of February 28, 1923.

No. 824 Pte. W. G. L. Dunbar, No. 7 Platoon, from February 18, 1923, to January 17, 1923.

Resignations.

Having left the Colony:—
No. 755 Pte. K. A. Mason, No. 1 Platoon, as from February 7, 1923.

No. 588 Pte. W. Ironside, Reserve Company, as from February 4, 1923.

No. 68 Pte. N. V. A. Croucher, Reserve Company, as from February 4, 1923, on ill health.

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SUBMARINE DRILL.

NEW ADMIRALTY ORDERS ISSUED.

The Admiralty has promulgated definite drill-orders for the event of any mishap to a British submarine in home waters. The importance of this is that no time will be lost in concerting salvage measures.

A whole organisation has been drawn up, and when news of a mishap to a submarine arrives, automatically a series of foreseen orders will come into force. Coming under seven or eight heads, various officers and ratings will come into force. Coming under seven or eight heads, various officers and ratings will automatically drop into duties prepared for them, and destroyers and aircraft at once depart on action ready fixed for them on paper. The advantage of this, the speed with which it should endow salvage operations, will be obvious.

Salvage craft, with skeleton crews on board, are kept permanently in two of the Channel ports, close to the areas where naval operations might produce a submarine accident. The question of placing hooks or other devices on the hulls of submarines to aid their salvage, should the case arise, is under examination, but many technical considerations enter into this matter. Rough weather is the great obstacle to salvage.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" arrived at Shanghai yesterday, and is due at Chingwangtao on February 19.

The B. I. "Talma" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 13, at p.m., and is due here on Feb. 19, at a.m. The P. & O. s.s. "Mirzapore" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 14 at 6 a.m. and is due here on February 21 at about 6 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Banawara" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on Feb. 23.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Japan ports and Shanghai, on February 4, and is due here on February 23.

The M.V. s.s. "Sumatra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Hamburg on January 27, and is due here on or about March 10.

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SEAMEN'S WAGES.

INTERESTING CASE IN AMERICA.

Washington.—A case of considerable interest to British shipping companies was decided by the Federal Supreme Court.

The Jones Law, under which seamen are permitted to demand unpaid wages on reaching port, was held by the Supreme Court to permit masters of foreign ships to include in their calculation of wages the advances made when the seamen joined the vessel in foreign waters. The present case, which was brought against the master of the British steamship "Archimedes," was considered of great importance by the seamen's unions, which had succeeded in having advance payments to American seamen prohibited.

Counsel, instructed by the British Embassy, argued that, advance payments being lawful in Great Britain, seamen in British ships, when demanding wages earned upon reaching American ports, could not ignore the advances which they had received. This view was endorsed by the Court.—Reuter.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong on the P. & O. s.s. "Khyber" from Yokohama and Shanghai on Feb. 17 included:—

Mr. H. Collier, Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael, Mr. Nakamura, Mr. L. R. Wheen, Mr. R. A. Kreulen, Mr. and Mrs. Chung, Mr. J. Duff, Mr. H. Lee, Mr. J. Chan, Mr. Parm Gen, Miss Parm Yet-mit, Mr. Chu Yon, Mr. Hau Yuen Yi-yon, Mr. Li On, Mr. Ho Chay-kit, Mr. Chang Fung, Mr. M. Acon Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hing, Mr. E. F. Chapman, Mr. Jo Hen-ton, Mr. Chang Can-yin, Mr. Sui Mon-fai, Mr. Chan Tai-pun, Mr. Chang A-tang, Mr. Chow Tsu-ching, Mr. Won Kay-sion, Mr. A. Sion.

S.S. "COMLIEBANK"

The s.s. "Comliebank," of the Bank Line, a comparatively new vessel, registered her first appearance in Hong Kong in the Harbour Office Reports of yesterday. She is a vessel of 5,159 tons gross and 3,155 nett, built by Harland and Wolff at Glasgow in 1924. Registered in Glasgow, she was engaged by the same firm, her dimensions being length 420 feet, beam 52.9 feet and moulded depth 26.5 feet.

OLD S.S. "BANIA"

An old P. and O. liner is at present in harbour under another name, and the Japanese flag. This is the "Taiyu Maru," formerly the s.s. "Banja," built for the P. and O. by Oxford and Company of Sunderland in 1900. She is a turret vessel and is now owned by the Himodo Kisen K. K. of Dairen.

Yesterday afternoon the s.s. "Wing On" was towed to Shum-shuipo for lay up while registration matters are being concluded.

Mr. L. R. Wheen, Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael and Mr. R. A. Kreulen were among the passengers who landed at Hong Kong to-day on arrival of the P. & O. "Khyber" from Shanghai. Mr. S. Unsworth is passing through from Yokohama to London and Mr. J. Welwood to Marseilles. Shanghai passengers going on to London by the "Khyber" include Mrs. E. Goodale, Mr. G. M. Wilford, Mr. W. Murdoch, Mr. E. G. Jannieson, Mr. and Mrs. Rogerson.

ROAD TO PEACE.

LACK OF RECIPROCAL VISION.

The road to peace is the understanding and evaluation of the whole range of human capacities, however discrepant from our own. Social strife lies in the lack of reciprocal vision between classes. National wars spring from giving an absolute character to national standards. We all create perfection in our own image. We still have but one thought, if not one word like the Romans, for the strange and for the hostile. Until that corporate egotism can be disciplined, and a generous and tolerant imagination can overleap frontiers, we shall never be rid of the age-long blundering conflict of Right with Right. Love, as Goethe said, is the reconciler of discrepancies. Equally, hate is the impatient short cut to evade the circuit of understanding. The peace of understanding is the only peace that can endure.—The Observer.

THE HUNT BALL.

NEW VOGUE AT PYTHLEY BALL.

BACK TO OLD DANCES.

Northampton.—Longer hair and longer skirts were the feature of the Pythley hunt ball held at the Town Hall, Northampton.

The fashion thus set is a notable example in the shires. There were 450 guests and among the women were many whose hair was of its natural length and many others who had abandoned the severity of close crops or the shingle for the more luxurious curls and waving tresses.

The brilliance of diamante dresses sparkled amid the red and white hunt colours of the men. The scheme of decoration was beautifully carried out throughout. The drappings were in the hunt colours; so, too, were the tapestries on the seats, the colours on the walls, and even the shades on the lights.

The reversion to old times and to a number of older dances was noticeable, and altogether the ball was most remarkable not for its novelties but for its return to older and perhaps happier traditions and music, dancing, and the hunt.

WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on February 1, 1928.—
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Tytam 16' 6" B 12' 2" B		
Tytam Byewash 25' 4" B 23' 0" B		
Tytam Intermediate Level 2' 3" B		
Tytam Tuk 23' 1" B 34' 0" B		
Wong Nei Chung 19' 0" B 18' 3" B		
Pokfulum 21' 5" B 22' 2" B		
(Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow". A denotes "Above Overflow".)		
Storage in millions and 'yds. of gallons.		
Tytam 1927	1928	
Tytam Byewash 259.44	289.32	
Tytam Intermediate 195.90	183.45	
Tytam Tuk 915.42	722.00	
Wong Nei Chung 10.61	11.20	
Pokfulum 21.75	20.40	

Total 1,403.71 1,227.84
Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January.

	1926	1927
Consumption 226.94	239.69	
Estimated population 408,480	418,800	
Consumption per head	59	147
per day 17.9	38.4	
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Intermittent supply in all Rider Main Districts from 3rd to 31st January excepting 3 days 21st to 23rd a full supply was operated on account of Chinese New Year.		

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir .	14' 8" B	7' 3" B
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	1' 3" B	1' 10" B
Reception Reservoir Level	2' 2" B	
, Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir ...	217.24	281.19
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir ..	95.71	93.36
Reception Reservoir ..	33.15	27.45

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SHINNOH MARU Monday, 20th February.
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DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM Via Singapore and Colombo.
PANAMA MARU Friday, 2nd March.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
KASADO MARU Saturday, 25th February.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.
ALABAMA MARU (from Shanghai) Monday, 5th March.
HAIPHONG, IN HUEHOU & PAKHOI Tuesday, 28th Feb. 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
HAYRE MARU Sunday, 26th February.
JAPAN PORTS
TACOMA MARU Wednesday, 22nd February.
BATAVIA MARU Wednesday, 22nd February.
AMUR MARU Monday, 12th March.
KRIELEN VIA SWATOW & AMOY
KAIJO MARU Sunday, 19th Feb. 11 a.m.
HOZAY MARU Sunday, 26th Feb. 11 a.m.
TAKAO VIA SWATOW & AMOY.
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TALIPORE	5,278	7th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
KHIVA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	8,085	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
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KARNATA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,040	31st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles & London
MONGOLIA	10,604	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
TAAGPORE	5,283	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
SOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHGAR	6,018	15th May	Marseilles & London
JEYPORE	6,313	19th May	Marseilles & London
MAIWA	10,986	26th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DELTA	8,097	9th June	Marseilles & London
NOVARA	6,989	16th June	Marseilles & London
RANPURA	16,601	23rd June	Marseilles & London
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KALYAN	9,144	25th Feb.	Moji, Kobe
MONGOLIA	10,604	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
TAKIWA	7,936	2nd Mar.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KASHGAR	5,283	12th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TAAGPORE	10,946	15th Mar.	Shanghai
MAIWA	5,252	15th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
JEYPORE	10,983	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ARAFAURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
JEYPORE	5,318	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MAIWA	10,986	27th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TALMA	6,956	30th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NOVARA	6,989	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DELTA	8,097	11th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
RANPURA	16,601	25th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NANKIN	7,058	4th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama

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SHIPYARD REVIVAL.

BRITISH TONNAGE IN THE
LEAD.

NEED FOR NEW ORDERS.

The statistics of shipbuilding for the last quarter of 1927, compiled by Lloyd's Register of Shipping, made very satisfactory reading. After nearly three years of severe depression the industry is once more enjoying a moderate degree of prosperity, as shown by the relatively large sum of tonnage now under construction. Not only is the British total, viz., 1,679,718 tons, more than double that of the corresponding quarter of 1926, but work is proceeding steadily on almost all new ships, in contrast to the position twelve months ago, when construction had been suspended on vessels representing 100,000 tons of the total then recorded.

The present output of tonnage by British shipyards is greater by 40,000 tons than that of all other countries combined. Of the British total, 200,000 will be registered in the Overseas Dominions, while 200,000 tons are being built for foreign owners. In view of the keen competitive spirit displayed by Continental shipbuilders, it is interesting to find that France, Belgium, Holland, Norway, and other European States are having ships built here, twenty-three such vessels being now in hand.

The present world total of new construction is 5,118,721 tons. This, though far above the average for the past five years, is yet smaller by 185,000 tons than the average for the twelve months preceding the war. Unfortunately, too, the new tonnage laid down in British yards during the last three months (377,492) is 120,000 less than the tonnage put afloat within the same period. This means, of course, that the present rate of output cannot be sustained without a prompt and substantial increase in the volume of new orders. The same holds true of production in other countries, where the tonnage launched in the quarter under review largely exceeded that of vessels begun.

Next to this country Germany is by far the largest producer of new ships, her total of 472,295 tons being nearly one-third of the whole foreign aggregate. Italy comes next, with 183,216 tons, and is closely followed by Holland, with 174,887 tons. France, with 115,029 tons, is a bad fourth, Sweden being fifth with 100,700. The United States total (including Great Lakes shipping), of only 97,300, is several hundred tons behind that of Denmark.

Predominance of Motor-Ships.

An arresting feature of the returns is the high proportion of motor-driven tonnage under construction. This has now reached 1,609,888 tons, as compared with 1,494,532 tons of steamers—an excess of 115,356 tons in favour of the motor-ship. The past year will always be remembered as the first in which the world's output of motor tonnage was larger than that of steamers. In Great Britain and Ireland the steamer still predominates (922,534 tons, as against 652,894 tons of motor vessels), but elsewhere it now takes second rank, as shown by the following totals of new construction abroad: Steamers 571,898, motor-ships 956,994.

To quote the returns: "Taking only into account vessels of 6,000 tons and upwards, there are sixty steamers, as compared with 127 motor-ships; and of the fifty-six vessels which exceed 10,000 tons, each seventeen are steamers, as compared with thirty-nine motor-ships."

Equally significant are the statistics of marine engines, which were being manufactured or installed at the end of December: Steam reciprocating and steam turbine engines, 900,574 horse-power; oil engines, 1,233,956 horse-power. Although the steam total does not include turbine engines building in Germany, of which the total horse-power is not yet known, there is little doubt that the aggregate power of marine oil engines now being built is greater than that of the steam machinery. Further evidence of the growing use of oil fuel for all purposes is afforded by the large amount of tanker tonnage now in hand. In December 1927, there were 371,000 tons of tankers building; three months later the tonnage had increased to 603,000; and at the end of last month it stood at 744,700, of which 339,500 tons are building in Great Britain and Ireland. At the present time oil tankers account for practically one-quarter of the total tonnage output of the world.

The quartermaster did not want to give Private Sandy a new pair of boots. "The boots you have are not worn out," he objected. "Not worn out!" retorted Sandy. "Why the soles are so thin that if I tread on a sapphire I can tell whether it's heads or tails!"

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Tsao via Swatow & Shanghai	CHAKSANG	Wed., 29th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Kobe via Amoy, Moji & Yokohama	HOSANG	Thurs., 23rd Feb. at 7 a.m.
Canton	KWONGSANG	Tues., 21st Feb. at 7 a.m.
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ARRIVALS.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong on the Blue Funnel s.s. "Aeneas" from the United Kingdom via Singapore and Marseilles on Feb. 16 were:—

Mr. G. Marton, Mr. Marcus, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Parker, Mr. N. L. H. Raiton, Mr. C. G. Shackleton, Mr. N. J. Macleod, Mr. P. Airey, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cumine, Mr. Somers H. Ellis, Mrs. J. Frazer-Rankin, Mr. A. E. Ford, Mr. W. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. C. and Mr. L. E. H. Johnson, Mr. Q. R. Jones, Mrs. R. J. McNeil, Mr. J. L. Robinson, Mr. W. R. M. Stevens, Miss D. Thrift, Mrs. E. A. Wright.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong on the N.Y.K. "Tango Maru" from Australia on Feb. 16 were:—

Mr. H. Arpe, Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Mr. Mstr. G. L. Ammiller, Mr. John R. Burton, Mr. H. F. Chandler, Mrs. L. G. Craig, Miss M. Crowther, Mr. A. W. Harvey, Miss M. C. D. Henderson, Mr. R. Lynn, Mrs. M. S. Moss, Mrs. A. Norman, Mr. J. E. P. Walker, Mr. F. Bersch, Mr. C. F. Chan, Mr. Chan Tak-kwong, Mr. Chan Cheng-hang, Mr. Fong Kwong-kim, Mr. H. Chan, Mr. J. Johnstone, Mr. H. Kwong, Mr. Kwok Ly-pon, Mr. Wong Chon-woon, Mr. Wan Tak-shing, Mr. Wong Yow, Mrs. A. Ezarsky, Mrs. Y. Hayashi, Mr. K. Harada, Mr. S. Kawai, Mr. K. Takekura, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Blake, Mr. and Mrs. U. Matsui, Mr. T. Nagai, Mr. H. Ueda, Mr. K. Fujimoto, Mr. J. Kono, Miss J. Cory, Capt. A. F. Davidson, Mrs. K. and Miss D. Ratazzi, Mr. T. Muragishi, Mrs. E. M. Farrer, Mr. Y. Kobayashi, Mr. I. Sawabe.

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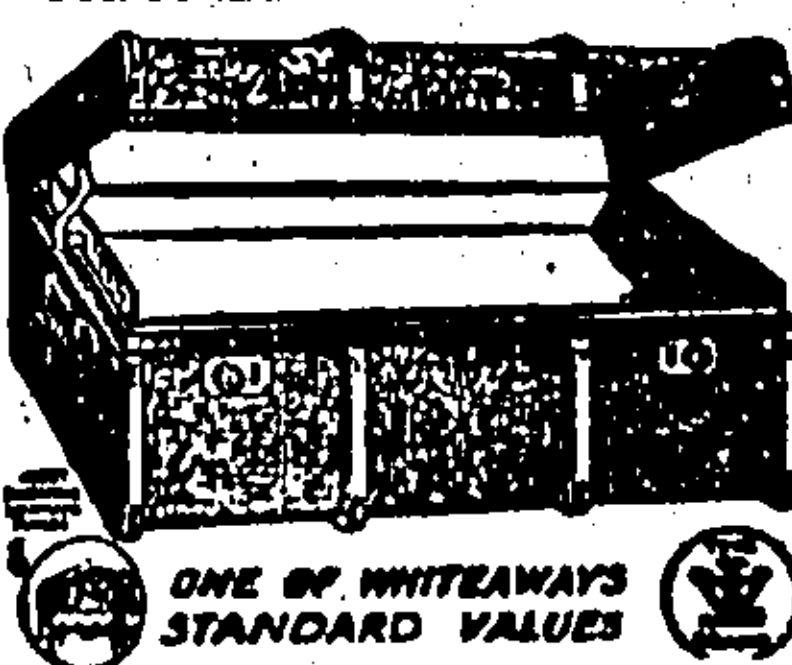
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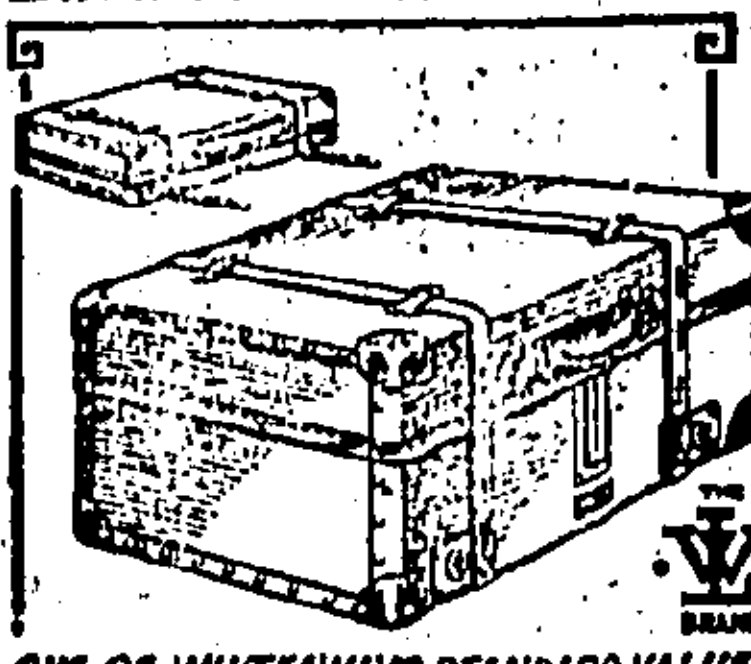
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GUEST OF THE GOVERNOR.

Macao is to receive a visit from
Sir Miles Lampson, K.C.M.G., the
British Minister at Peking, who
has accepted the invitation extended
to him by Senhor Tamagnini de
Souza Barbosa, Governor of Macao.
This is the first occasion on
which Macao is to receive such a
visit, and though late in the 18th
century Lord Macartney and early
in the 19th century Lord Amherst,
acting respectively as plenipoten-
tiaries for Britain en route to
Peking, stayed at Macao, it is over
a hundred years since a visit of this
importance has been made to
Macao.

From Macao to Canton.
Sir Miles Lampson will be ac-
companied by a small number of
members of his suite and will make
the trip over to Macao on Wednes-
day, Feb. 22, in H.M.S. "Tarantula,"
reaching the Portuguese port at
about noon. The British Minister
and his party will be the guests of
the Governor of Macao. The dis-
tinguished visitors will leave on
the following morning for Canton.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.

LADY TYRWHITT PRESENTS
PRIZES.

Yesterday was prize day at St.
Mary's School of the Canossian
Institute, Kowloon. Lady Tyrwhitt
gave away the prizes to the success-
ful students in the afternoon, in
the presence of a large gathering
of parents and well-wishers of the
school.

A very enjoyable entertainment
was provided by the students. The
principal attraction was an operetta
entitled "The White Fairy" in
which the following girls took part:
Miss S. Hyndman (Fairy), Miss
N. Gill (Old Hag), Miss L. Jorge
(Orphan Girl) and Miss M. Danen-
berg (Fortune Teller), assisted by
pennant and dancing girls.

The annual report was read by
the Rev. Father S. G. Byrne at the
request of the Mother Superior,
and he also thanked Lady Tyrwhitt
for her kindness in attending to
distribute the prizes.

The report stated that the at-
tendance at the re-opening of the
school in January was 279, and this
number had increased to 310, the
highest attendance so far.

Parents had shown keener in-
terest in the education of their
children and this had reflected in
the regularity of the attendance.

Dr. Minett had given a favour-
able report on the health of the
school. In October the school was
visited by Mr. De Martin (Inspector
of Schools) and a very favour-
able report was made on the
discipline of the school. The draw-
ing and painting work of the pupils
received very favourable mention.

In the local examinations the
school entered 5 Seniors and 12
Juniors and all passed.

Successful Students.

The following were the successful
students:—

Bishop Valorta Prize for Biblical
Knowledge:—Betty Remedios.

Lugard Scholarship for the year
1927-28:—Edriz d'Aquino.

Dr. A. S. Gomes Scholarships for
Regular Attendance:—Class 1, Car-
men Silva; Class 2, Cynthia Alves;
Class 3, Mina Danenberg; Class 4,
Carmen Pereira; Class 5, Constance
Gomes; Class 6, Violet Wong;
Class 7, Mary Wong.

Senior Local Certificates and
Prizes:—First Prize, Carmen Silva;
Second Prize, Regina Ribeiro;
Certificates, Mercedes da Rosa,
Dulce d'Aquino, Julia Yau.

Junior Local Certificates and
Prizes:—First Prizes: Bolla Pes-
tonji (distinction in arithmetic and
Biblical knowledge); Cynthia Alves
(distinction in history and Biblical
knowledge). Second Prize: Wil-
helmina Wong (distinction in
Biblical knowledge). Certificates:
Deolinda Gosano (distinction in
Biblical knowledge); Betty Remedios
(distinction in Biblical knowl-
edge); Carmen Ribeiro, Olga Eca
da Silva, Ines Savard Remedios,
Aida Britto, Sara Remedios, Elvira
Rosario, Aida Ng. Class 3: Edriz
d'Aquino (1st prize), Mina Danen-
berg (2nd prize), Rosario Fernan-
des, Joaquina Fernandez. Class 4:
Perez da Eca (1st prize), Ahmlina
Abdulla (2nd prize), Joyce Kor.
Class 5: Maria Mattos (1st prize),
Gloria d'Almada (2nd prize), Betty
Souza, Ena Alves, Norah Gill.
Class 6: Palmyra Yvanovich (1st
prize), Violet Wong (2nd prize),
Betty Pestonji, Betty Rodrigues,
Hilda Gaan. Class 7: Maria Wong
(1st prize), Betty Passos (2nd
prize), Georgina Fernandez, Ger-
aldina Roza, Thelma Gonsalves,
Avelina Gosano. Class 8: Filomena
Gonsalves and Annie Ng (1st
prize), Maria Britto (2nd prize),
Dorothy Jan, Mabel Ng, Lily Chiu.

Infant Classes: Mina Kor, Norma
Gonsalves, Nidia Osmund, Milde
Osmund, Leonor Gonsalves, Elsa
Gutierrez, Betty Ng, Thelma
Tavares, Virginia Hildeonso, Gloria
Gomes, Melvi Campos.

FOUND HANGING.

The Wanchai police yesterday
removed to the public mortuary
the body of a Chinese named
Cheung Mak-mee who was found
hanging by the neck in the China
Sugar Refinery at Causeway Bay.

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CHINESE ARRESTED AFTER
TWO YEARS.

HEARING FIXED.

In Major C. Willson's Court at
the Central Magistracy this morn-
ing, a Chinese named Sit Kam-kong
was charged with larceny by a
servant of \$3,000, the property of
the Kam Sing Knitting Factory.

Mr. M. K. Lo prosecuted on be-
half of Au Cheuk-fan the managing
partner of the firm, whilst the ac-
cused instructed Mr. Leo d'Almada,
Senn, for the defence.

The Magistrate fixed the hear-
ing of the case for Friday afternoon
next.

Mr. Lo suggested that perhaps
he had better outline the facts of
the case to his Worship as he wished
to secure the Magistrate's
guidance in the matter.

Proceeding, Counsel said that the
accused and two other men thought
of starting a partnership in con-
nection with the knitting factory,
but eventually the accused was un-
able to raise his share of the
capital. However, the other two
agreed to appoint the accused as
accountant. One day about two
years ago, during the managing
director's absence from the office,
the accused took the safe key and
opening it removed \$3,000. After
that the accused left the office and
was never seen again until his
arrest recently.

Office Boy Dead.

A report of the accused's dis-
appearance was made to the police
at the time all in spite of a search
conducted by the police he could
not be found.

Counsel explained that the only
person who saw the accused open
the safe and remove the money was
an office-boy who had since died at
the Kwong Wah Hospital.

The only evidence that could be
produced in this case therefore, was
the evidence of the managing part-
ner who could say that the \$3,000
was in the safe when he left the
office and that when he came back he
found that the safe had been inter-
fered with and the \$3,000 stolen.

The accused was absent from the
office when the managing director
returned, and had not been to the
office since the date of the dis-
appearance of the \$3,000.

The only other evidence against
the accused, Counsel proceeded, was
a letter which he wrote to the
managing director from the coun-
try. In this letter which Counsel
said he was having translated, the
accused made a suggestion that the
partners should sell the business
and deduct the \$3,000 from the
proceeds. The letter amounted al-
most to an admission on the part
of the accused that he had taken the
money.

Mr. Lo said that he disliked to
bring a case before the Court on
insufficient evidence, and therefore
he would like to have the Magis-
trate's opinion as to whether or
not the evidence he had at his dis-
posal would justify the bringing of
the charge against the accused.

Major Willson said that it seem-
ed to him that a great deal de-
pended on whether or not the ac-
cused was a partner in the firm,
as such a claim seemed to be
implied in the accused's letter to
which Mr. Lo had referred.

Mr. Lo said that on that point
he would be able to produce the two
partners to prove that the accused
was not a partner.

JAPAN-TODAY AND TO-MORROW.

Through the courtesy of Messrs.
Thos. Cook and Son Ltd., we have
received a copy of a special maga-
zine issued by the "Osaka Main-
ichi." It is a very well-produced
publication and is entitled "Japan
—To-day and To-morrow." What
will strike the fancy of the reader
(copies are obtainable at Messrs.
Cook and Son's at Yen 2 each) are
the superb illustrations, many in
colour. A select series of articles
on things Japanese, old and new,
runs through the magazine. The
well-known and influential Osaka
newspaper is to be congratulated
upon an excellent piece of work.

COMDR. G. B. HARTFORD.

Commander G. B. Hartford,
D.S.O., who was responsible for the
formation of the Hong Kong Police
Reserve and who acted as adjutant
(A.S.P.) until recently, is shortly
proceeding to England. A group
photograph of the Police Reserve
will be taken on Tuesday next at
the Central Police Station.

Commander Hartford has invited
members of the Sharpshooters' Club
company to tea at the Savoy Hotel
on February 27 at 5 p.m.

Elfrida Ribeiro, Carrie Alves,
Delphina Jose.

Music:—Deolinda Gosano, Betty
Cullen, Avelina Gosano.

Portuguese:—The Socorro
Mutuos Junior Scholarship: Sara
Remedios, Teresa Gonsalves, Pura
da Eca, Maria Mattos, Filomena
Gonsalves, Elsa Silva and Carmen
Rosario.

'PRAPS-P'RAP NOT!

"And why did you leave your last
place?"

"I couldn't stand the way my
mistress and master quarrelled."
Er—did they quarrel frequently,
then?"

"Oh, yes, ma'am, when it wasn't
me an' 'im it was me an' her."

"If I stood on my head all the
blood would flow to it, now would it
not?"

"Yes."

"Then how is it that when I'm
standing on my feet it doesn't rush
down to them?"

"Because your feet aren't empty."

The Bishop of Willesden is
credited with the following:—At a
patriotic meeting a man said: "I
was born an Englishman, I have
lived an Englishman, and I hope
to die an Englishman." Said a
voice from the corner: "An' hae
ye no ambition?"

"Where is your brother, Claise?"
"Oh, he's in bed? We were play-
ing who could lean farthest out of
the window, and he won!"

First Boy: The King made my
father a knight by tapping him on
the shoulder with a sword.

Second Boy: "That's nothing. A
cannibal chief made my father an
angel by tapping him on the head
with a club."

"What's the matter, little girl?"
"Two boys were fightin' and I
got hit with a stone."

"Ah, the innocent bystander al-
ways gets hurt."

"But I don't know as I was that.
I was what they was fightin'
about!"

Brown: "I say, Jones, old chap,
seen Smith lately?"

Jones: "No. Not for some time.
I saw him last soon after he got
married, and he seemed rather
down in the mouth."

Brown: "What's happened to
him?"

Jones: "Well, before he was mar-
ried he used to boast that he'd be
master in his own house or know
the reason why. Now he knows
the reason why!"

Ned (to caller on Boxing Day):
"Will you have a piece of Chris-
mas cake?"

Caller: "No thank you, dearie."
Ned: "Oh, please do. It's get-
ting so dry."

Boy (with broken nose): "Can
you direct me to the doctor?"

Stranger: "Yes. Take the first
turn to the left, then follow your
nose."

"You mean keep straight on?"
"No; turn to the right."

Sailor (concluding fantastic
narrative): "An' every word o'
that's the truth, sir, though it may
take a bit o' swallowin'. Have a
pinch!"

Visitor: "What is it?"
"Snuff, o' course."
"Oh, I thought it might have
been salt!"

In olden days a young fisherman
asked the hand of a pretty
shepherdess in marriage.

"But you have no money. How
do you think we'll manage to live?"
she asked.

"Oh, we'll get along all right, by
hook or by crook," he assured her.

The tramp knocked at the farm-
house door, and when the owner
presented himself began to recite
his tale of woes, and ended by
asking for a job.

"Yes, you can have a job," said
the farmer. "You could gather
eggs for me if you are certain you
won't steal any."

The tramp choked with gratitude
and emotion. "Sir," he said, with
eyes brimful of unshed tears, "you
could trust me with any mortal
thing on earth. For 20 years I
was manager of a bathhouse, and I
never took a single bath!"

"Will you get wings when you go
to heaven?" asked little Elsie of
her father, who is bald-headed.

"Yes, dear," he replied.
"And will they put feathers on
your head, too, papa?" she persist-
ed.

Doctor: Is your husband follow-
ing out the diet I prescribed for
him?

Mrs. Flaherty: He is not, sorr.
After three days at it Mike sez to
me, sez he, "O'll not be starvin'
myself to death 'is for the sake o'
livin' a bit longer."

Diner: What's the matter with
this coffee? It looks like mud.

Waiter: Well, sir, it was ground
only this morning.

Irate Passenger (who had man-
aged to board a tram-car "that
didn't stop"): I say, suppose I'd
slipped and lost a leg?

Conductor (kindly): You wouldn't
have to do any more jumpin' then.
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crutch.

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MACAO NOTES.

COMING IBRO-AMERICAN EXPOSITION.

CAMOEN'S GROTTTO EXHIBIT

Instructions have been received at Macao from the Minister for the Colonies at Lisbon that Macao should be well represented at the forthcoming Ibro-American Exposition at Seville in 1928.

The Exposition will be confined to Spain and Portugal and their respective colonies as well as the ex-Colonies of Spain in South America.

Of the probable exhibitors, Macao will most likely be the only representative of the Far East, and Macao's exhibit should be specially interesting.

At a meeting to select a working committee held at Government House, some very helpful suggestions were brought forward. One by Mr. F. W. Carey, Commissioner of Chinese Maritime Customs at Lappa, was exceptionally good. He proposed that a full-size reproduction in plaster of Camoens's Grotto, as it stands at Macao, should be made at the entrance to the Macao Pavilion, with the mural tablets and the bust with its pedestal.

The Leal Senado.

The Government Council of Macao, with the object of granting greater powers to the Macao Leal Senado, as the Municipal Council is called, has offered the suggestion that it is expedient to grant to the Leal Senado wider functions and also a larger income derived from public utilities and that the present constitution should be altered to include three members nominated by the Macao Government Council from the senior members of the Civil Service, i.e. chiefs of departments, and two members elected by the public, one of which will occupy a seat on the Government Council as representative of the people. The system by which all five members will be elected will therefore, not operate. The President of the Leal Senado will be elected by the members of the Senado from among themselves.

Photographic Exhibition. At the request of Hong Kong friends, it has been proposed to postpone the closing date of the Photographic Exhibition, and as many Hong Kong exhibitors have not yet paid a visit to Macao, it has, therefore been decided to accede to the request and keep the Exhibition open for some time longer.

The judges of the art section of the Macao Photographic and Art Exhibition and Contest have made the following awards:—

Special Mention and Awards of Honour: "Juliet Bredon" for her book "The Moon Year"; Marciano A. Baptista for his paintings, never hitherto exhibited, exhibited by his grandson Mr. M. F. Baptista; The Baron Cereal for his paintings, exhibited for the first time by his son Mr. A. A. de Mello.

Gold Medal: General Gomes da Costa.

Silver Medals: Mr. M. F. Baptista, Mr. Yee Cheong, Miss M. A. de Silva, Mr. K. H. Tang, Mr. S. Lopes.

Certificates of Merit: Rev. J. Climaco do Rosario, Mr. J. G. de Aquino, Mr. Denton, Mr. Harry Kow, Major Victor Lucerdia, Mr. Remigio Banares.

Special prize presented by Madame Tamagnini Barbosa: Miss Helena Ribeiro.—Macao Bureau of Publicity and Information.

£1,000 JEWELS.

TRICK ON PEARL MERCHANTS.

London.—Detectives are searching for a man who obtained jewellery valued at about £1,000 from the shop of Messrs. J. R. Ogden and Sons, Ltd., pearl merchants, 41, Duke Street, St. James, S.W., by a trick.

It is stated that the man asked to be shown some jewellery which he said he desired to purchase for a friend. He selected two articles and asked that they should be sent to him at an hotel.

When the assistant arrived at the hotel he was met in the vestibule by the man, who took the jewellery and said that he would show it to his friend, asking the assistant to wait a few minutes.

As the man did not return an inquiry was made, which resulted in the statement that he was not known at the hotel.

POLICE PROBATIONER.

Cheung Tak who is on probation as a police interpreter was this morning charged before Major C. Wilson with misconduct in that he was alleged to have received \$50 from a man named Wong Ka-yan, in recognition of which Wong was alleged to have been guaranteed by the accused that he would not be proceeded against. The case was fixed for hearing on Wednesday afternoon next, bail being allowed in the sum of \$500.

THE I.O.G.T.

FAREWELL DINNER LAST EVENING.

SMOKING CONCERT.

The I.O.G.T. (Eastern Services Lodge M. 245) held a farewell dinner to members shortly leaving the Colony at the Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Praya East, yesterday. There was a smoking concert afterwards.

Over 60 guests were present under the chairmanship of Mr. William H. Smith (the newly appointed Manager of the Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home). The first toast of the evening (The King) was proposed by the Chairman and readily responded to.

The I.O.G.T. toast was proposed by Corporal Hunt who gave a brief history of its founder and work.

The Eastern Services Lodge M. 245 was ably proposed by Corporal Lloyd, who was responsible for the formation of this Lodge, which now had a membership of over 60.

The Chairman proposed the toast of "departing friends." He mentioned especially the name of Corporal Lloyd, who is one of those leaving the Colony, and laid emphasis upon the fact that there was a great deal of work to be done by the remaining members. He wished all departing friends every success in their new fields of labour and trusted they would soon become attached to another Lodge elsewhere. Aircraftman Draper responded to this toast.

Mr. Arthur May proposed the toast of the Visitors, laying stress upon the fact that the Service men appreciated the kindly interest many civilian friends were taking in their welfare. He mentioned the great joy it gave everyone to see the artists there, amongst whom were Eng. Com. Bedells and Mr. G. W. C. Burnett. The Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey responded. He mentioned how deep his sympathy was with the work of the I.O.G.T.

The smoking concert which followed the dinner was a great success. Mr. Fountaine at the Piano, Miss Higgins with her dainty songs, Mr. Burnett, bubbling over with humour, and Mr. Glover and Comdr. Bedells, soon won the hearts of the men.

A very pleasant evening closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for all his work in arranging the dinner, and to the artists who had contributed to the programme.

The chairman stated he was rewarded for any effort on his part by the success of the evening, and he thanked one and all for their attendance. The gathering rose and sang the King.

The tables were tastefully decorated with lamps kindly loaned by the General Electric Company of Hong Kong.

INDIAN WOMEN.

LISTEN TO ASSEMBLY PROCEEDINGS.

New Delhi, Feb. 9.

Three hundred Indian women delegates to the All-India Women's Education Conference, the largest number of Indian women ever gathered together in the galleries of the Chamber, to-day heard the proceedings in the Legislative Assembly on a private Indian Member's Bill raising the age of consent of girls to 16 years in the case of unmarried girls and to 14 in the case of married, instead of 14 and 13, respectively, as at present.

Mr. James Crerar, Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, announced that the Government must oppose the Bill as it must deal cautiously with the problem. It had decided to appoint, later, a committee composed of officials and non-officials to investigate the problem and also the question of child marriages.—Reuter.

A COOK'S FALL.

A Chinese named Ngo Heung (18) described as a cook, was yesterday removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from injuries received as the result of falling off a motor lorry. The injured man was riding in lorry No. 1812 beside the driver in Waterloo Street, Yaumatei, when the vehicle suddenly gave a lurch which caused the cook to fall out.

Alfred Ford, a professional footballer, was at Peterborough County Court awarded £100 damages and costs for injuries sustained by being knocked down by a motor-car. The injuries have prevented his playing this season.

There was a net reduction of twenty-seven houses licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquor in Birmingham last year. At present there is one licence to every 522 inhabitants, against one to every 355 sixteen years ago.

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"STAR" THEATRE SEASON OPENED.

JOHN HAGAN'S "LEANDER."

"Katja, the Dancer" met with a pleasing reception at the "Star" Theatre, Kowloon, last night, when the Banvard London Musical Comedy Company opened its season there for four nights.

Miss Winifred Dalle was unable to take the part of Katja Karina on account of a sprained ankle but Miss Elsie Lancaster was a capable and charming substitute. Hong Kong theatre-goers are now familiar with this musical comedy from Daly's but last night's presentation was none the less enjoyable.

Mr. John Hagan (as Leander) and Miss Claire Leslie (as Patricia) deserved the many rounds of applause for the fine work they put in. Mr. William Senior was heard to advantage as the Prince, and the other principals and chorus did well; but Mr. Hagan seemed to be better last night than he has been at the Theatre Royal.

The "China Mail" is asked to announce that Miss Winifred Dalle will appear in the title role in "Mercenary Mary" to-night.

Three More Nights Only. To-night at 9.15 the Company will present "Mercenary Mary," the big success from the London Hippodrome, which was thoroughly enjoyed when presented at the Theatre Royal. To-morrow night the Company will submit "Queen High," a musical comedy which has been played for one night only in Hong Kong, and it will bring its season to a close on Sunday night with "Review of Revues," a production comprising the most sparkling items of not less than five different revues. Booking for all three nights is open at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre. Prices of admission are \$5, \$4, \$3 and \$1. The first two rows of the stalls are \$5, but there are plenty of seats in the orchestra stalls and dress circle at \$4.

AT THE CINEMAS.

EXCELLENT SHOWS AT TWO THEATRES.

THE QUEEN'S.

Hong Kong is fortunate in having at the local cinema theatres to-day films of a high class and well worth watching. At the Queen's Ronald Colman and Vilma Banky are starring in "The Magic Flame," which is based on the well-known stage success, "King Harlequin."

It is about the best picture in which these two artists have appeared together, and they have been constant film-partners for a long while. Colman enacts a double role, first as a clown and then as a Count who becomes a king. Circus life enters very much into the production, and the atmosphere is caught with delightful precision. Humour, pathos and tragedy truly abound in this picture, which is one of the best shown in Hong Kong for quite a while.

The World. At the World is a picture of a different category but one which holds the attention. It is called "Yolanda," and tells of happenings in France in the Middle Ages, when two bold knights rode into Peronne as escort to a wealthy silk merchant and one stayed to capture the heart of the Duke's daughter, a veritable madcap splendidly played by Marion Davies. Ralph Graves takes the part of the knight in love. It is a quiet story, despite the sword fighting and a coach hold-up, and one which one can most adequately enjoy without troubling about intricacies of plot.

CINEMA NOTES.

"THE MAGIC FLAME" AT THE QUEEN'S.

The current feature film at the Queen's Theatre, "The Magic Flame," continues to give pleasure to all classes of cinema-goers. Based on the big stage success, "King Harlequin," it is a production of outstanding merit, alike for the dramatic nature of the story, the excellence of the acting, the realism of the settings, and the skill of the directing. The leading players, Ronald Colman and Vilma Banky, are both very popular in Hong Kong, and the supporting cast is a capable one. Altogether "The Magic Flame" is a film that is thoroughly well worth seeing. It will be screened at the Queen's Theatre again to-day and to-morrow.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded at the resumed inquest at Westminster, on Captain Albert John Pauley, 34, of Sidney Street, Chelsea, who was fatally injured by a motor-car while crossing Knightsbridge on Jan. 3.

ACQUITTED.

STUDENT ON MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

JURY'S QUICK VERDICT.

Without retiring, the jury returned a verdict of "Not Guilty" at yesterday's Criminal Sessions case in which a Chinese youth, Lo Ching, was charged with the manslaughter of Ho Kwong-hoi at the premises of the South China Athletic Association on Christmas Day.

After the conclusion of the evidence of Dr. Cannon as to medical factors involved in the case, witnesses were called as to the incidents leading up to the alleged blow by prisoner. Of the seven witnesses, five asserted that it was a slap with the open hand, one said it was a blow with the fist and another said he was not sure.

In opening the defence Mr. Jenkin referred to Dr. Cannon's evidence which, he said, showed that a blow with an open hand would not kill a person. The defence contended that the blow was delivered under the place on the temple as stated by the witnesses for the Crown and Dr. Cannon's evidence again showed that a blow below that line would not have had a fatal result.

The evidence for the defence was overwhelming with regard to showing that death did not occur in consequence of that blow. Also the deceased did not stagger or lose his balance. Lo Man-pun, the brother of Lo Ching-ming, was the only witness who said the blow was delivered with the fist, while Lo Ching-ming himself had stated that he got up from the sofa. In conflict with that was the evidence of other witnesses who had said he did not get up.

Evidence was then given by Dr. J. V. Anderson as to the possibility of deceased's injuries being caused by other means than a blow on the face. Such injuries could be caused by a fall without necessarily breaking the skin. Such death could not be caused by a blow with the open hand. A fall could occur without external injury provided that the skin was protected by something which would break the impact.

Defendant then went into the witness box on his own behalf and repeated his evidence as to the deceased having punched him and as to his (prisoner) having seized him and slapped his face.

Witnesses were called bearing out defendant's evidence and, after final addresses to the jury and the summing-up, the jury returned a verdict of "Not Guilty," the prisoner being discharged.

DANCING FOR CHARITY.

For the sixth year Miss Violet Capell and her pupils are giving a display of dancing in aid of charity.

The first performance is at the Queen's Theatre at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22, the second on Monday, Feb. 27 at the same time.

A third performance will be given at 9.15 p.m. on Feb. 29, at the "Star" Theatre, Kowloon.

Part of the proceeds will be given to the London Hospital.

NOTICES.

NOTICE.

I the undersigned declare that Mr. C. Y. Woo is no longer employed by me in the St. Francis Hotel.

Mrs. F. C. CAMERON,
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LECTURE.

MR. R. VAUGHAN-FOWLER will give an address in the Theatre Royal on Tuesday, 21st February, 1928, at 4 p.m., under the auspices of the HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, on

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COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Banvard Musical Comedy Company presents "Mercenary Mary," Star Theatre, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "The Magic Flame."

To-day—Star Theatre: "Tin Gods."

To-day—World Theatre: "Yolanda."

To-day—Impromptu dance at the Cheer O, Y.M.C.A., 7.30 p.m.

To-day—Concert and dance, Cheer O, Y.M.C.A., 7.30 p.m.

February 19-20—Queen's Theatre: "Topsy and Eva."

February 19-20—Star Theatre: "The Night Cry."

February 19-20—World Theatre: "The Man Upstairs."

February 21-22—Queen's Theatre: "The Little French Girl."

February 21-22—Star Theatre: "The Bat."

February 21-22—World Theatre: "Tumbleweeds."

February 22—Music recital at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

February 22—Dancing display by Miss Violet Capell's Pupils, Queen's Theatre, 5 p.m.

February 23—Classical Music Recital by Robert and Anatole Kitain, Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

February 23-25—Queen's Theatre: "Lovers."

February 23-25—Star Theatre: "The Road to Yesterday."

February 23-25—World Theatre: "Altars of Desire."

February 24—Cheer O dance at City Hall, 8.30 p.m.

February 25—Craighower Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dance.

Sports.

To-day—Golf Match: Ladies' Bogey Competition at Fanling.

February 18—Hong Kong Jockey Club Race Meeting Happy Valley.

February 18—Sim Shield Hockey Team; Army v. Navy.

February 25—First Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

March 3—"American" lawn tennis tourney (mixed doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club, 2.30 p.m.

March 3—Fanling Hunt steeplechases (Spring meeting).

March 4—Sixth extra race meeting of Macao Race Club.

March 14—Ninth bi-annual race for ship's life boats ("Trevelva" Trophy) starting at 4 p.m.

Land Sale.

February 20—Sale of Crown land at Shamshuipo, in P. W. D. Office, 3 p.m.

Lammert's Auctions.

February 20—At 195, The Peak (No. 2 Flat), valuable household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

February 21—At Sales Room, Duddell St., a valuable collection of curios, 2.30 p.m.

Hughes & Hough's Auction.

March 1—At Auction Room, Ice House Street, valuable leasehold property situate in Peak District, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

February 18—Ninth Ordinary Meeting of shareholders of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., 10, Des Voeux Road Central, 3.30 p.m.

February 21—General Meeting of the Royal Artillery Association, R.E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks.

February 22—Meeting of Hong Kong Automobile Assn. at Messrs. Jardine's, 5.30 p.m.

February 24—Fourth annual meeting of shareholders in the Hong Kong and Territorial Estates, Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., 7 Connaught Rd., 11 a.m.

February 25—Ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hong Kong & Shanghai Corporation, at City Hall, noon.

February 27—The Hong Kong Tramways Limited, hold yearly meeting at Messrs. Jardine's offices at noon.

February 29—Forty-first annual meeting of the H.K. & K. Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's, noon.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Annual dinner of St. Peter's Young Men's Club at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

February 18—Kowloon Bowling Green Club, closing day and distribution of prizes, 3 p.m.

February 23—Annual Show of flowers and vegetables at Volunteer Headquarters.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. W. E. Winckworth has resigned after fifty years' service as clerk to the Bath Board of Guardians.

William McCrea, a farmer, aged 109, died at Loughgall, co. Armagh. He was an inveterate smoker, and drank whisky.

The first annual dinner of members of St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club will be held to-night at the Lane, Crawford restaurant.

The Kowloon Bowling Green Club are holding their closing day and distribution of prizes to-morrow afternoon, starting at 3 o'clock.

Mr. N. L. H. Ralton was a passenger on the "Aeneas" which arrived at Hong Kong yesterday, from the United Kingdom via Singapore.

The only case of notifiable disease reported to the Medical Officer of Health yesterday was of smallpox, the patient being a Chinese from the Kowloon registration district.

Crimes in Manila generally decreased last year as compared with the number of criminal cases registered in 1926, according to the data gathered by the City Fiscal's Office.

Vice-Consul William R. Lynch, who has been on leave of absence in the United States since last July, has returned for duty in the American Consulate-General at Shanghai.

During the absence on leave of Mr. J. Michelet, the Norwegian Minister to Peking, his place in the Legation will be taken by Mr. N. Aahl, Consul-General in Shanghai, as acting Minister.

In an attempt to commit suicide, a Chinese butcher living at North Street, Kennedy Town, cut his throat yesterday afternoon with a sharp knife. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

The Rev. Albert Cosford, a popular preacher who recently resigned the pastorate of Newton Abbot Congregational Church, is to sever his connection with the Congregational Union and undergo a period of study preparatory to entering the Church of England.

Among the passengers on the N.Y.K. "Tango Maru" which arrived at Hong Kong yesterday from Australia, ports were Mr. G. J. R. Burton, Mr. H. F. Chandler, Mrs. L. G. Craig, Mr. A. W. Harvey, Mr. Ralph Lynn, Mr. J. E. P. Walker, Mr. John Johnstone and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Blake.

Sir Alexander Stevenson, Lord Provost of Edinburgh, whose name appears in the list of New Year honours, is an uncle of the late Lord Stevenson, of rubber fame, and one of "Johnnie" Walker's directors. He is an eloquent speaker, and has devoted the greater part of his life to public service.

Among the Hong Kong passengers on the Blue Funnel steamer "Aeneas," which arrived yesterday from Singapore, Marseilles and the United Kingdom, were Mr. A. E. Ford, Mr. Somers, H. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Parker, Mr. P. Airey, Mr. W. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. C. Johnson, Mr. J. L. Robinson and Mr. W. R. M. Stevens.

The motion to be debated at St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club on Monday at 8.30 p.m. is to be proposed by Mr. R. H. Hollis and seconded by Mr. A. J. May, A.R.I.B.A. The opposition will be led by the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, M.A., and Miss M. M. Clark. The topic for discussion is "That a University Education is not a Necessary Prelude to a Successful Career."

Yesterday afternoon, further evidence was taken by Mr. R. E. Lindsell in the case in which two Chinese, from Tungkun, Songun Village, are wanted by the Canton authorities for alleged attempted murder and kidnapping in Chinese territory. An adjournment was given until this afternoon for the production and formal proving of the official seal of the Canton authorities in connection with the extradition requisition which has reached the local authorities.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese described as a partner of a trading firm was charged before Mr. W. Schofield with the unlawful possession without a permit of two rifles, 115 rounds of ammunition, 61 rounds of Mauser ammunition, dynamite bombs, detonators and fuses. As the police were satisfied that the defendant had intended taking out a licence for the rifles, they did not press the charge. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$50 on each charge.

About 1,000 trees are to be planted on the new Kingston by-pass road.

Mr. H. L. K. Graburn has been added to the Commission of the Peace for Singapore.

Mr. F. V. Duckworth M.C.S. has been appointed to act as Deputy Controller of Labour, Penang.

Mr. Simpson, of the Seremban Post Office, is being transferred to Ipoh as Assistant Post Master.



Paul Hymens, new Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belgium, who also served as the first president of the League of Nations. This new photograph has just been received in this country.

Mr. M. B. Shelley, M.C.S., has left for Singapore, where he is to act as Colonial Treasurer, S.S.—M.M.

Mr. T. J. L. S. Boyd has been appointed Judicial Commissioner and Judge of the Supreme Court, Sarawak.

Friends of the late Mr. A. H. Alston are erecting a headstone to his grave in the Seremban cemetery.

Dr. R. B. Macgregor has been appointed to act as Senior Health Officer, Penang, and Dr. J. C. Carson as Chief Medical Officer, Malacca.



A recent snapshot of Geng Tun-ny, heavy-weight champion of the world.

The Japanese Chief Justice of Formosa was present at the Criminal Sessions yesterday and occupied a chair on the Bench, next to Sir Henry Gollan, the Chief Justice. An interpreter sat beside him.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Mr. W. Schofield and a Coroner's jury held an inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of a 3-year-old Chinese boy who was killed by a motor bus at the junction of Soy and Shanghai Streets on January 28. Evidence was given that the boy, who was playing on the pavement suddenly ran across the road in front of the bus which was travelling fast, and was knocked down. The police having satisfied them that the bus was in good mechanical condition and the driver in good working order, the jury returned a verdict of "accidental death."

In a new intelligence test in a Surrey County Council examination for scholarships the girls came out far ahead of the boys.

Surrey Education Committee have decided to erect a mixed secondary school for 410 pupils at Godalming at a cost of £20,000.

Mr. E. J. O'Reilly has been appointed to officiate as Harbour Master and Assistant Superintendent of Government Monopolies, Labuan.

Moscow, Feb. 16. — Nicholas Kubiak, chairman of the Central Co-operative Council, has been appointed People's Commissary of Agriculture in place of Alexander Smirnov.

The Y.M.C.A. wireless broadcasting station at the Lee Theatre is to carry out another test, on a 340 metres wave-length, to-day from 6.15 to 8 p.m. Listeners are asked to report to headquarters.

Lancaster Corporation are extending their electricity plant to supply the requirements of two new factories being established in connection with the film industry and the manufacture of artificial silk.

Two labour intimidators, one of whom was the former chairman of the Yaumati Copper Utensil Maker Association, were deported from Hong Kong yesterday to Kowloon, following their arrest by the Police last month.

The female beetle which attacks the beech woods for which Buckinghamshire is famous is reported to be less active than formerly. The cocoon disease is usually spread by the wind, and the only way to eradicate it is to cut down the affected trees.

Mr. George Cresswell, for several years chairman of the Herefordshire County Council, has been presented on his retirement with a portable wireless set. The Lord-Lieutenant of Herefordshire, Sir John Cotterell, made the presentation at Hereford Shire Hall.

The Officers of the I.O.G.T., and a number of friends gathered at dinner at the Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Praya East, at 8 o'clock last night. An excellent menu was served and it was done justice to by all present. After dinner an impromptu concert was given, and the merry party broke up at a late hour.

Port Darwin, Feb. 16.—A mass meeting of trade unionists have passed a resolution in favour of preventing Chinese cook-shops using Aboriginal labour. In Port Darwin there are approximately 600 Whites, 300 Aborigines and between 300 and 400 Chinese. The Trade Unions have been pressing the Blacks not to work for less than the minimum wage.—Reuter.

Serom a village at Tangkah, Johore, about 8 miles from Muar, was the scene of a fire when about 100 shop-houses were burnt to the ground. The fire engine from Tangkah arrived to assist. Among the buildings were a motor-repair shop where there were several second hand cars and buses stored. The fire started at 3 a.m. on the morning of Jan. 29, and lasted quite a length of time.

Kowloon cinema-goers should note that the movie programme in the Star Theatre ends at 8.30, this evening, the Banyard Musical Comedy Company presenting the great London success, "Mercenary Mary" at 9.15 p.m. The chief picture in the movie programme is "Tin Gods" a story of "the man who came back" with Tom Meighan, Renée Adoree and Alleen Pringle in the leading roles.

The police received a report from a Chinese woman yesterday of the theft of \$180 in Kwangtung coins. The woman had visited a money changer's shop near the Central Market and changed \$150 Hong Kong money into Chinese coins. She put one parcel of coins containing \$180 by her side on the ground and proceeded to count another bundle of silver. After she was satisfied that she had received proper change, she looked for the first bundle of coins and found it was gone.

A party of two Chinese and a foreigner was returning from a restaurant at West Point early yesterday morning in rickshas when one of the Chinese named Wong whose ricksha was behind the others was missed by his companions when they arrived at the Empress Hotel. A report was immediately made to the police. A search for the missing man resulted in the police finding him yesterday afternoon fast asleep in a small lane near the Sailors' Home.

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SOCCER SHIELD TIES.

Fixture List For To-morrow.

FOUR SENIOR DIVISION MATCHES.

Close Struggles?—Extra Time If Needed.

To-morrow there will again be a very attractive series of matches in the Hong Kong F.A. Shield Competition on both sides of the harbour, the fixture list being:

Senior Shield (1st round replays)—kick-off 4.15 p.m.
K.O.S.B. Regt. v. Chinese Athletic, Sookumpoo, Referee, Mr. Barber.
Linesmen: Messrs. Gilbert and Hollands.

Police v. Club de Recreio, H.K.F.C. ground, Referee, Mr. Hyson.
Linesmen: Messrs. Lamb and Mackie.

Senior Shield (2nd round)—kick-off 4.15 p.m.

Kowloon F.C. v. Royal Air Force, Kowloon F.C. ground, Referee, Capt. Austin. Linesmen: Messrs. Hutchins and Stokes.

Scots Guards v. Royal Artillery, Chatham Road, Referee, Mr. F. Smith. Linesmen: Messrs. Phillips and Presley.

Junior Shield, kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Kowloon F.C. v. Scots Guards, Kowloon F.C. ground, Referee, Mr. Willis.

Chinese Athletic v. South China "A," H.K.F.C. ground, Referee, Mr. Lonsdale.

K.O.S.B. Regt. v. Club de Recreio, Sookumpoo, Referee, Mr. Cowan.

Queen's Regt. v. St. Joseph's "A," Chatham Road, Referee, Mr. Presley.

League—Division II, Section "A," kick-off 2.45 p.m.

Royal Artillery v. Hong Kong F.C. Reserves, Caroline Hill, Referee, Mr. Gilmour.

League—Division II, Section "B," kick-off 4.15 p.m.

Chinese Athletic v. Kowloon F.C., Caroline Hill, Referee, Mr. Kinsella.

Wednesday, Feb. 22, Senior Shield (2nd round).

Hong Kong F.C. v. K.O.S.B. Regt. or Chinese Athletic, kick-off 4.15 p.m., Referee: Mr. J. Baldwin. Linesmen: Messrs. Hollands and Omar.

Club de Recreio or Police v. Queen's Regt., King's Park or St. Joseph's ground, Referee: Mr. Smith. Linesmen: Messrs. Kinsella and Presley.

This is a great programme with Hong Kong and Kowloon well catered for, the only regret being that only one match of four can be seen at the same time.

The great match at Hong Kong is at Sookumpoo, where the Borderers will be out to do or die. The Regimental side have progressed, and have as I predicted made up the leeway of two goals, and the teams start on Saturday all square. The Athletic have not yet been beaten, and are equally as good at Sookumpoo as at the Valley. This season they have shown that they can pull matches out of the fire in the last few moments, as evidenced against the Scots Guards and last Saturday's match with the Borderers. This is football, and the team that beats the Athletic has got to play it right up to the final whistle. I refrain from predicting, as to share six goals after extra time with a goal right up to the last minute is good matching, but the team which gets the element of luck at Sookumpoo on Saturday should go through to the final. The Borderers' recent progress is such as to justify their supporters' hopes for a win, but the Athletic possess the better goal-scoring forward and goals count.

The Police and Recreio match on the Club ground should provide a great struggle and I do not expect either team to make any changes. The Police fielded a fine side on Saturday and on the run of play were just a little bit the better team, but the styles of the two sides are in striking contrast, and if the game at the Valley on Saturday is as good as the drawn game at King's Park on Saturday last, it will be worth going a long way to see. The teams will not be cramped on the Club ground and enterprising forwards will get their chance. A great deal depends on the ability of the Police forwards to score.

At Kowloon the local Club, with Sims back, have a hard nut to crack in the Royal Air Force as although the latter have fallen from grace somewhat lately, they are still a force to be reckoned with and this match should be a very good one. Northey has brightened the Kowloon side considerably and with Stalwarts like Wheeler, Sims and McKelvie behind, Kowloon should make a good show. Reed is still preferred to Pile who played a very clever game in the friendly last week, but Kowloon are well served on the right by these two clever youngsters with little to choose between them on present form, Reed possibly being the better selection at present for a hard game.

The R.A. after successfully passing South China out of the competition yesterday will meet the Guards at Chatham Road and this match should be a typical Army Cup-Tie and consequently a fine afternoon's sport. The R.A. showed very convincing form against South China, Leach and Fulford being big factors and these men showed the value of forwards who can take first time shots. The R.A. are better forward than the Guards, and chances favour their jutting up a big show. The Guards will probably be without McNiven, but are putting two strong teams in the field on Saturday and certainly the Shield competition in the junior division has been made more interesting by the entry of the Reserves of the Guards and the Queen's.

To ensure adequate control of the various senior games official linesmen have been appointed to assist the referee, a wise precaution in matches where Club feeling runs high and it is hoped the Shield ties will be free of unpopular decisions.

The junior programme is very interesting and the Scots Guards v. Kowloon at Kowloon should be of great interest. The Guards Reserves are just as hefty a side as their 1st XI and they possess forwards who know what to do near goal. The Guards should win through this round especially as Kowloon will greatly miss Pascoe, unfortunately seriously injured on Saturday last. Wins for Chinese Athletic and K.O.S.B. Regiment are easy to predict unless something very surprising occurs, while Queen's Reserves, an unknown quantity, will find St. Joseph's College 1st XI a capable side for a try-out and if Queen's can get over this match they will do well in the Competition.

The two junior league matches in "A" and "B" sections should result in wins for R.A. and Chinese Athletic.

On Wednesday next, owing to the replays taking place this week-end should the matches down for decision to day end decisively, the Hong Kong F.C. will play the winners of the K.O.S.B. Regt. v. Chinese Athletic on the Club ground and the winners of the Police v. Club de Recreio will play the Queen's Regt. on the St. Joseph's ground or King's Park depending on the result of Police and Recreio match for venue of ground with Queen's. These ties, as stated, will be played, provisionally on the Saturday's matches being brought to a definite result and mid-week supporters should have a good afternoon's sport on either ground. The Shield matches if drawn after the regulation 35 minutes time each way, must continue for 10 minutes each way extra time, and last Saturday's results must have established a record in this Competition, as all three matches were drawn after extra time—a striking commentary on the even form of the teams engaged.

FATAL LAST HALF.

R.A. Beat South China After 160 Minutes.

That last half has proved fatal for South China Athletic Association's 1st XI in the senior division of the soccer Shield competition.

Last Saturday they held the Royal Artillery at bay for 70 minutes. In the first 10 minutes of extra time they scored. A foul was awarded against them in the second half of extra time and they finished up level (one goal each) with the Gunners.

In the replay yesterday at the Caroline Hill ground, the first half—also a blank—was hotly contested. In the second half, the Linesmen took the lead through "Lai Ting-choy." Leach equalised from 30 yards' range and then gave the Artillerymen the lead and Fulford rounded matters off with a "hat-trick" to make it a 3-1 victory for the R.A. who meet the 2nd Scots Guards in the second round.

Club de Recreio's cricket team against the University to-morrow will be:—H. A. Alves (captain), H. M. Xavier, D. P. Xavier, M. F. Pinna, R. C. Reed, E. de Sousa, D. F. Lopes, L. J. Gutierrez, H. A. Barroo, C. M. Sousa, F. H. Carvalho.

The Sim Shield hockey match (final play-off) between the Army and the Royal Navy will be played to-morrow afternoon instead of to-day.

SERVICE BOXERS.

LOCAL COMMAND TEAM TOURNAMENT.

LAST NIGHT'S WINNERS.

Several units in the South China Command are taking part in the team boxing tournament at Whitefield Barracks. The 2nd Battalion of the King's Own African Borderers lead on points gained to:

"TOMMIES" WIN.

International Army Soccer Match.

London, Yesterday.
In the soccer international Army triangular tournament, between Great Britain, France and Belgium, the first match to-day was played at Woolwich, the British Army defeating the Belgian Army by six goals to two.—Reuter.

date. Contests continue to-night and will conclude to-morrow night. Points obtained last night in the first series of bouts are:—

2nd K.O.S.B. 31
2nd Scots Guards 26
Queen's Regiment 24.
Last night's results were:—

Flyweights.

Boy Murphy (K.O.S.B.), walk over.

Featherweights.

1st Round.

Sergt. Hooper (Queen's) beat L/C Hind (Queen's).

Pte. Hume (K.O.S.B.) beat Pte. Packwood (Queen's).

L/C Berry (Queen's) beat Pte. McGuire (K.O.S.B.).

Lightweights.

1st Round.

Pte. Clark (Queen's) beat Pte. Smith (Queen's).

2nd Round.

Pte. Clark (Queen's) beat Pte. Gardner (K.O.S.B.).

Gds. Crook (Scots Guards) beat Pte. Higgs (K.O.S.B.).

L/C Armet (K.O.S.B.) beat Pte. Potter (Queen's).

Pte. Gordon (K.O.S.B.) knocked out Pte. Birch (R.A.M.C.) in the second round.

Welterweights.

1st Round.

Pte. Carney (K.O.S.B.) knocked out Gds. Shields (Scots Guards) in the second round.

Middleweights.

1st Round.

Pte. Woolley (K.O.S.B.) knocked out L/C Barr (Queen's) in the third round.

Dmr. Woolard (Scots Guards) knocked out Gds. McCarthy (Scots Guards) in the second round.

L/C Finlayson (K.O.S.B.) beat Pte. Spalding (K.O.S.B.).

Gds. Holmes (Scots Guards) beat Pte. Wilschusen (R.A.M.C.).

Pte. Landale (Queen's) beat L/C Taylor (Queen's).

Gds. Campbell (Scots Guards) beat L/C Frame (K.O.S.B.).

[Note: Where a knock-out or other form of victory is not stated, a verdict on points was given.]

CHESS TOURNEY.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY.

The Hon. Sir Pollock, K.C., is the only one of twelve competitors not to have dropped any points so far in the chess championship of the Colony, the tournament being under the auspices of the Kowloon Chess Club. Points won to date are as follow:—

P. W. D. L. Pts.

Sir H. E. Pollock 4 0 0 4

D. E. Carvalho 5 4 0 4

S. G. Kumble 7 4 0 4

C. Choa 4 3 0 3

H. W. Randall 5 3 0 3

S. L. Hussain 4 2 1 2 1/2

C. E. Wong 5 2 0 3

J. C. Faeira 6 2 0 4

C. M. Sequeira 2 1 1 4 1/2

A. N. Oth 6 1 1 4

J. S. Smith 6 1 1 4

A. W. Hawker 6 1 0 5

HOCKEY CLUB 1st XI.

Against the Royal Air Force, in the Sim Shield competition, the Hong Kong Hockey Club 1st XI will be represented at the U.S.R.C. on Monday at 4.30 p.m. by:—

W. J. Lockhart Smith; J. E. Henry; D. Lyon; A. A. Dand (captain); J. E. Noronha; L. M. S. Lloyd; G. B. Slipper; W. Woodward; J. G. Wheeler; B. W. Sampson; J. Whitley. Reserves: Gardner, R. K. Valentine.

The same team will play the Queen's Regiment at 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

Club de Recreio's cricket team against the University to-morrow will be:—H. A. Alves (captain), H. M. Xavier, D. P. Xavier, M. F. Pinna, R. C. Reed, E. de Sousa, D. F. Lopes, L. J. Gutierrez, H. A. Barroo, C. M. Sousa, F. H. Carvalho.

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DAVIS CUP TEAM.

2 HONG KONG MEN TO PLAY FOR CHINA?

NG SZE-KWONG CAPTAIN.

The China National Amateur Athletic Federation has announced the appointment of Mr. Ng Sze-kwong of Hong Kong as captain of China's team in the Davis Cup, and Mr. W. Lock Wei as manager. The team includes Mr. S. G. Lum, junior champion of Australia, and Mr. Koo Hoo-hye, the Malay States champion. Provided that two of the three players chosen will be able to make the trip, the team to represent China will be selected from amongst the Chinese students abroad.

TENNIS DRAW.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS OF COLONY.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

The open singles and open doubles championships of the Colony in connection with the Hong Kong Cricket Club annual lawn tennis tournament are to begin on March 1. S. A. Rumjahn is the holder of the singles title and he and H. D. Rumjahn have won the doubles three years in succession. The draw for this season is given below.

OPEN SINGLES.

First Quarter.

Lt.-Comdr. Agnew, bye v. A. H. Crook, bye.

I. M. A. Razack, bye v. H. Yoshima, bye.

S. E. Green, bye v. Dr. D. J. Valentine, bye.

S. S. Hussain, bye v. E. C. Fincher, bye.

Second Quarter.

V. M. Tregear, bye v. Chong Tuck-wing, bye.

T. Honda v. J. A. Cassumbhoy.

K. T. San v. T. Ema.

T. Isomura v. T. Yamada.

T. Fujieda v. J. Hall.

R. P. Lonsdale v. Y. Sajiki.

N. Inagaki v. H. D. Rumjahn.

Third Quarter.

E. W. Ralton v. Ho Ka-lau.

F. J. Remedios v. Lim Peng-chin.

Ng Sze-cheung v. A. D. Humphreys.

Rev. F. P. W. Alexander v. H. R. Trumper.

Cheng Chi-wing v. Ng Sze-kwong.

Luk Ding-cheung v. T. Akiyama.

J. M. da Silva, bye v. E. D. Lawrence, bye.

Fourth Quarter.

S. A. Hussain, bye v. S. A. Rumjahn, bye.

D. S. Green, bye v. Yew Man-kit, bye.

A. Trambitzky, bye v. Very Rev. A. Swann, bye.

Major C. Willson v. Major W. B. Stevenson.

OPEN DOUBLES.

First Quarter.

G. C. Grove and A. H. Crook, bye v. H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn, bye.

S. E. Green and D. S. Green, bye v. S. Fukushima and T. Fujimori, bye.

Ho Waifing and Chan So, bye v. G. F. H. Richards and L. L. Waters, bye.

W. A. Nowers and E. D. Lawrence, bye v. T. Honda and T. Akiyama, bye.

Second Quarter.

Lt. J. Hale and Lt.-Comdr. North, bye v. F. J. Remedios and J. Silva, bye.

Y. Sajiki and T. Isomura, bye v. R. M. Henderson and A. Brearley, bye.

Lime Peng-chin and A. A. Rumjahn, bye v. Major W. B. Stevenson and Major R. H. Lucas, bye.

A. D. Humphreys and C. P. F. James, bye v. winners of T. Ema and N. Inagaki v. I. M. A. Razack and J. A. Cassumbhoy.

Third Quarter.

Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit, bye v. Ng Sze-kwong and Ng Sze-cheung.

Luk Ding-cheung and Luk King-cheung, bye v. Lee Wal-soi and Lee Woon-soi, bye.

Surg. Lt.-Comdr. Hurst and Dr. J. R. Craig, bye v. T. Fujieda and Y. Hachijima, bye.

Dr. I. Newton and Dr. D. J. Valentine, bye v. E. da Sousa and A. V. Remedios.

Fourth Quarter.

Y. M. Tregear and J. B. Kealy, bye v. S. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain, bye.

Major C. Willson and C. H. Bradley, bye v. R. H. B. Hancock and Dr. R. E. Tottenham, bye.

K. T. San and Chong Tuck-wing, bye v. T. Yamada and H. Yoshida, bye.

E. W. Ralton and A. Trambitzky, bye v. E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher, bye.

The Sim Shield hockey match (final play-off) between the Army and the Royal Navy will be played to-morrow afternoon instead of to-day.

CLASSICAL MUSIC.

ROBERT AND ANATOLE KITAIN.

COMING RECITAL.

Lovers of really good music will be pleased to learn that a recital is to be given in the Star Theatre on Thursday, February 23, by the talented brothers, Robert and Anatole Kitain, violinist and pianist, who are visiting the Colony in the course of a tour of the world. These two young men are the sons of the famous Petrograd professor, Michael Kitain, who died in 1916, and both are graduates of the Petrograd Conservatory. Mr. Robert Kitain was for some time under the famous Professor Auer, and also under teachers with whom Heifetz identified himself in the earlier days of his musical career. Mr. Anatole Kitain was a pupil of Professor Blumenfeld and has also studied under the prominent composer Rachmaninoff. On the death of their father, the young artists were placed, for further tuition in their respective arts, under the care of the well known composer A. Glazunoff, and later, they began their musical careers in Petrograd and Moscow. In 1925 they made their last tour of Russia, giving almost 200 concerts, after which they spent some time in Siberia. The artists are now touring the world, and after visiting Hong Kong and the Philippines, will proceed to the United States and Europe.

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(During this interview regarding this story taken by a special representative of the newspaper, Mr. F. Meinhardt, Sr., was present and said, "We are glad to tell anyone what Poo On Chinese herbs have done for my family.")

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REACTION AGAINST HOLLYWOOD.

Two things have alarmed the film community of Hollywood; and not without reason.

One is the growing reaction against the domination of the screens of the world by Hollywood product. The expression of a distaste for an exclusive diet of Hollywood-made films has come principally from Europe; most effectively from England, which, of course, is the most valuable film-market outside the United States.

The stupider element in Hollywood pooh-poohs this. Obviously inspired articles appear from time to time in the local Press, angrily upbraiding Europe, for turning against film rubbish, some of which, however, is manufactured solely for export and never even shown in American cinemas. In these articles Europe is told to beware of kicking at accepting anything Hollywood chooses to send it. For, they threaten, Hollywood might retaliate by sending back to Europe all the famous actors and directors now working in the studios there!

Such a childish point of view would be merely funny were it not indicative of the narrow-mindedness of a part of the film community. Hollywood obviously felt a need of Europeans like Ernst Lubitsch, Reginald Denny, Ronald Colman, Ernest Torrence, Victor McLaglan, Clive Brook, Holmes Herbert, Herbert Brenon, Paul Leni, Conrad Veidt, and Emil Jannings, since it is prepared to make it so worth their while to come to Hollywood! To talk of retaliation by exiling all these people is rubbish: Europe asks nothing better!

Incidentally there is hardly one of these men, besides more than a few of the Americans, who does not plan to go to Europe to make pictures at the earliest possible opportunity. Adolphe Menjou, for instance, has such an idea in mind; and his is far from being alone. The first thing every other director, story writer, scenarist, and actor asks a visitor from England is, "What are the opportunities over there? Is it true there is a revival? Do you think I could get a contract?"

This situation arises out of the second alarm Hollywood has undergone.

The financiers who back film production have begun to take stock. Already it is common knowledge that Wall Street has decided—not before it was time—that the business of making pictures is being conducted in a lunatic manner, and a warning has been issued, a peremptory command for reform.

To take an example of Hollywood's folly: Quite recently a certain film was put into production. After \$45,000 had been spent on it, it was scrapped as hopeless; a new director and a new leading man were engaged and a new scenario was prepared. The film was remade at a cost of \$25,200, the sum for which it could have been made at the first.

Good films do not, or need not, ordinarily cost the sums expended on them in Hollywood. Good films are often made there, by all the companies, for as little as \$18,000; many of them cost far less; more than a few which mop up tremendous profits in Europe are made in 10 or 15 days for a few thousand pounds. And these figures include the tremendous, generally excessive, overhead costs of production.

The waste of money, on the other hand, in many cases is almost incredible. Stars are kept on contract for months, idle: it is the same with directors, scenarists. Big scenes are constructed but never used. And more; the exorbitant salaries of the men whose function it is to guide film production are added, besides the sheer waste, to production costs. These film magnates, drawing the salaries of Eastern princes, are the very men who permit the extravaganzas, the waste, and the ruinous folly which are drawing the wrath of the financiers on Hollywood. They are the culprits.

The first remedy the magnates thought of was not to make better pictures more economically, but to cut down the salaries of the actors. It will do little harm if they decide not to keep film actors on long-term contracts, not to increase their salaries further. Good actors will always find work and emoluments. The rest can well be spared; and if we in England are wise, the ones who are squeezed out will not be invited over indiscriminately. Only the best people from Hollywood should apply.—"Daily Mail."

ON CONCERTS.

WHERE BUSINESS GENIUS IS NEEDED.

THE CRITICS.

In connection with the thirty-fourth annual conference of the Incorporated Society of Musicians, the members and their ladies assembled in the Whitehall Rooms, Hotel Metropole, for their annual banquet, Dr. E. Markham Lee, president, in the chair.

Sir Landon Ronald, principal of the Guildhall School of Music, giving "Continued Prosperity to the Incorporated Society of Musicians," said that in April, 1925, he had warned them that music was in for a very bad time. He was, in consequence, attacked on all hands. But what was the position to-day? "I prophesied," he said, "that Queen's Hall would go phut. And it has gone 'phut.' I was told I was a pessimist, and that my outlook was warped. At the same time, I am going to tell you that I believe in the gramophone very much as an educational influence. I would like to see a gramophone in every classroom in our schools of music. If a music professor is teaching some well-known classic, which has been played or sung for the gramophone by some well-known artist, it is a wonderful help to be able to turn on the record to illustrate a particular passage again and again. (Hear, hear.) I have a gramophone at the Guildhall School of Music, and it is of immense value to the students.

"A greater power, and a more useful power, is this wireless invention"—(cheers)—continued Sir Landon. "It gives chances to young people who can never afford to go to a concert. I have beautiful singers come to me, but they are squint-eyed and have their front teeth sticking out. (Laughter.) I have told them they were no use on the concert platform, and pointed out that a beautiful voice can be heard over the wireless without the singer being seen. (Cheers and laughter.) It is said that wireless had ruined the London concerts. I agree. It might have kept some paterfamilias at home, but what I said two and a half years ago is still true—we are waiting for a genius of a manager. We musicians do not know anything about business. We want a great big man to guide us, a man who adores music and has the business instinct. (Cheers.) I got bullied for that, but all the same we are still looking for the man to make concerts really attractive and not a ritual to the public (Cheers.)

A "Naughty Lot." "I feel I must attack the critics. I must confess that I think they are becoming a naughty, pampered, spoilt lot of young fellows who want everything to please themselves. They forget that they, like ourselves, are the servants of the public, and they want to dictate to and tell the public what they should listen to, and at what time they should listen to it. (Laughter.) Theatrical critics made no such complaints. Musical critics should remember that they do not pay for their seats. (Cheers.) There is a certain public which does pay for its seats. The critics have got to

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HOME STUDIOS.

THE HOLLYWOOD OF ENGLAND.

Elstree, the Hertfordshire village where some time ago the film studios of British National (now British International) Pictures were built, may soon be called Hollywood, England. So Mr. L. Blattner, who hopes to bring about the change, to the "Daily Mail" film critic.

Mr. Blattner said he has acquired options on 400 acres of land at Elstree, between Boreham Wood and Radlett, where he proposes to erect several new film studios, 300ft. by 100ft. and 200ft. by 100ft. One of these, he states, he will use himself, and rent the rest to other producers. He also announces that he proposes to build at Elstree:—

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The land on which Mr. Blattner has secured an option includes the Ideal Studios, which he thinks of preserving and using as administrative offices.

Finance of the Scheme.

He is attempting to get the L.M.S. Railway to agree to change the name of the station at Elstree to Hollywood. British International Pictures have already agreed to the change of name for general postal purposes.

Asked who was financing this gigantic scheme, Mr. Blattner replied that at the moment he is financing it himself, but that soon he hopes it will be possible to make a statement revealing the names of other interested parties.

The production of films is contemplated as part of the projected enterprise.

Mr. Blattner, hitherto known as a Manchester cinema proprietor, recently acquired an option on the film rights of Dr. Lion Feuchtwanger's novel "Jew Suss."

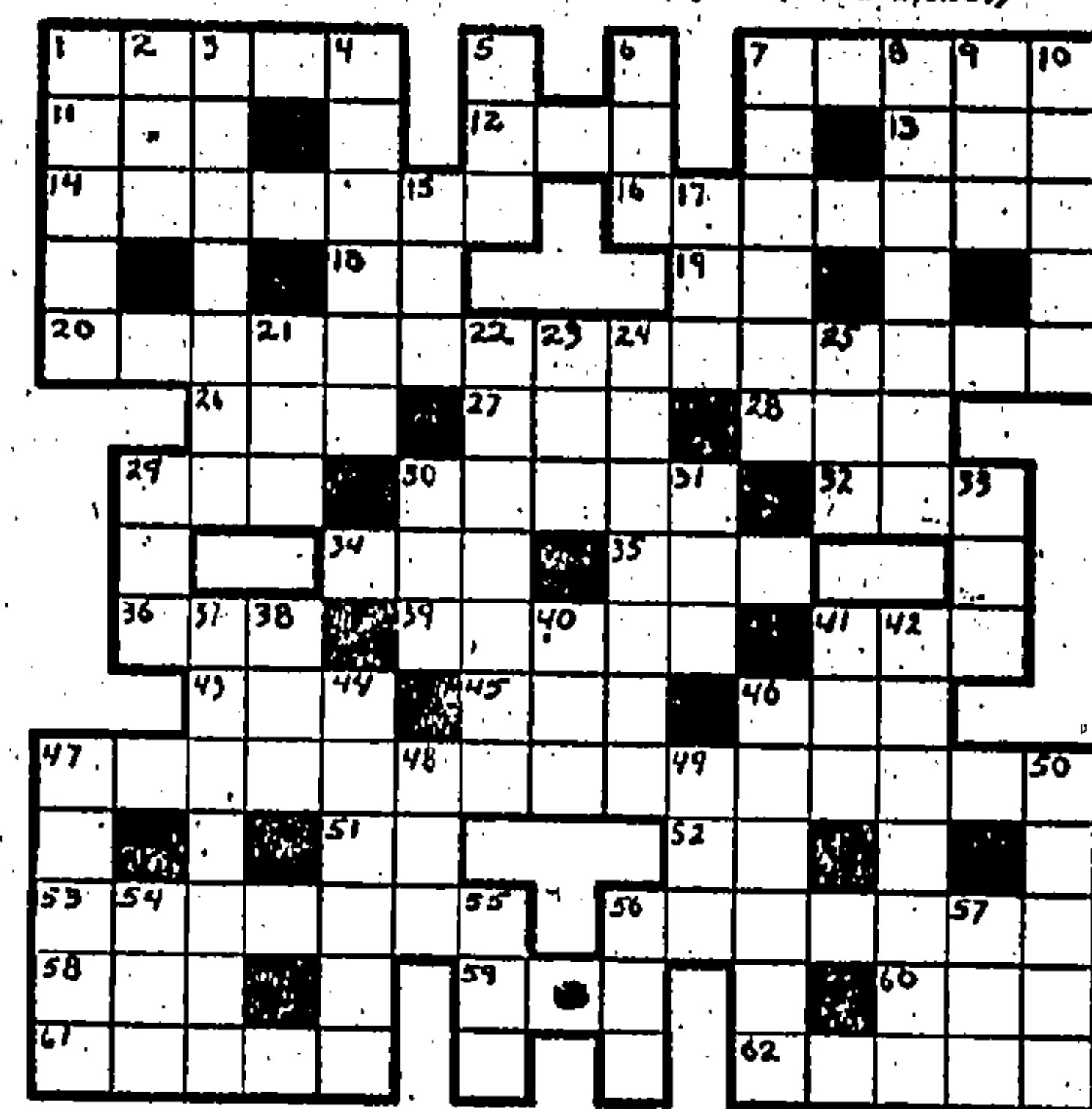
show patience, and if the public enjoy a concert it is not their business to keep on protesting that this or that is the worst managed concert ever given in London.

"We all want concerts to be a success. I do not care to twopenny about the musical critics. If I try to give the public something they want to listen to, why am I to be bullied by the critics and told that we produce 'hackneyed stuff' (Hear, hear.) Music is the only art which is attacked by the critics. My view is this: Let us go ahead, let us give the people what is good and great in music, and to the critics let us say, For God's sake don't chide us and keep away the public when we play great masterpieces which have drawn the public for years and years." (Cheers.)

Responding to the toast, which was received with great enthusiasm, the Chairman said he had awakened that morning to find himself, so far as the Press of the country was concerned, not famous, but notorious. (Laughter.) "I am," he continued, "looked upon as a sort of gloomy Dean of Music. (Laughter.) I was only speaking of the position of musicians in various parts of the country as I found it in 1927. With regard to the gramophone and wireless, I am not opposed to either of them. As a matter of fact I have both in my own home. (Laughter and cheers.) I use the wireless a good deal because there is much sent out by means which I should not hear otherwise. I do not think either will injure the musical profession, and while I did say that last year was a very bad year for many musicians, I did not blame the gramophone or the wireless for that. (Cheers.) I find both these forms of mechanised music extremely valuable; both have a great future before them; both have come to stay, and you cannot ignore them." (Hear, hear.)

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



GIVE INTERNATIONAL SYNDICATE.

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| HORIZONTAL
1—An island in the Aegean Sea
7—What is the great table-land of Central Asia called?
11—What is the Latin for "I love"?
12—Time-period
13—Combining form. Needle
14—What is a small or unimportant detail?
16—One who propels a boat
18—S. W. State of the U. S. (abbr.)
19—Upon
20—Pertaining to man
25—Even (post.)
27—A seaport in Finland
28—"And so forth" (abbr.)
29—To sin
30—A payment
32—A completion
34—Possessive pronoun
35—What is each of eight or knowledge?
36—Idle talk
39—To get into a tangle
41—What is the old form of "got"?
43—Rested
45—Girl's name
46—Strike gently
47—Man-shaped
51—Preposition | HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
52—What combinator form from the Greek means "well"?
53—What are wills or codicils called in law?
56—Laud
58—Forth or away
59—Yes
60—Wrath
61—Necessarily
62—What Latin prefix means "across"?
VERTICAL
1—Of what S. Pacific island group is Apsie the chief town?
2—Friend (French)
3—What is a very large person or thing called?
4—Which planet has rings?
5—Light evening meal
6—Peculiar
7—To leap forward
8—A horse
9—What peninsula is the most southern part of Asia?
10—Frozen water
11—A Japanese stevedore
17—To make love in low tones | VERTICAL (Cont.)
21—Possessive pronoun
22—An edible root
23—What is the scenery practiced by the negroes of the West Indies?
24—A coarse, cheap linen
25—Possessive pronoun
26—To incite
30—It is (contr.)
31—A snake-like fish
32—Apt
37—Who was the Syro-Phoenician goddess of love?
38—Interjection. Contempt
40—Bustle
41—A ravine
42—What is the loss of the power of speech?
44—Loosely, a figure of speech (pl.)
46—What is one who shames himself from duty?
47—Malicious burning of a building
48—Often (post.)
49—Over (post.)
50—Packing boxes
54—A hint
55—Observed
56—A vegetable
57—An eagle |
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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

"Q" BOAT BATTLE.

"GERMAN" SUBMARINE SUNK FOR FILM.

The sinking of the German submarine U.98 by the "hush" ship Stockforce, which took place in 1918, was realistically reproduced for the New Era film "Q" Ships off Plymouth. For three days operations had had to be abandoned owing to the weather, and in the gale which sprang up the submarine three times broke adrift, and finally ran on the rocks under the Hoe. She was successfully refloated, and the whole operations were satisfactorily carried out.

Lieut.-Commander H. Auten, R.N.R., V.C., who took a gallant part in the actual action, was in charge of the operations, and about half-a-dozen of the original members of the crew of the mystery ship took part. The Stockforce, which was badly torpedoed in the action, which took place off the Start in 1918, had been unable to make port, and her part in the mimic action was played by her sister ship, the Southwick. She had been specially prepared as a mystery ship, her two 12-pounder guns being disguised, one in the collapsible after wheelhouse and the other in the fore-hatch. The part of the U-boat was played by an obsolete British submarine, formerly H26, and specially purchased from the Admiralty for the purpose. She now lies in thirty-four fathoms of water just over a mile from the Eddystone lighthouse.

With conditions favourable everything went smoothly, and after some manoeuvring the ships were got in position, with the German ensign flying from the submarine. The "panic" party

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



GIVE INTERNATIONAL SYNDICATE.

pulled away from the mystery ship in their boat. There was not a movement in the ship. She was within point-blank range of the submarine, when suddenly the White Ensign was run up, after which the wheel house collapsed, the fore hatch swung open, and two twelve-pounders poured their rounds into the submarine. There was a sudden explosion and a high column of smoke and debris as the submarine blew up just fore of the conning tower, and sank by the bows immediately. One hundred pounds of T.N.T. had been stacked in her for this realistic touch, and this was set off by an electric lead to the naval boat.

CZAR'S CHOIR ON TOUR.

Riga—After petitioning a score of times within the last three years, the choir of the former Imperial Chapel, now known as the Russian National Choir, consisting of 100 members, has obtained permission to make a tour of Europe. The members report that one of the conditions on which the Bolsheviks granted them permission to leave the country was that they should not emphasise church music.

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MR. WOODHEAD'S INTERESTING ADDRESS.

HOW IT WAS BORN.

Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead, editor of the China Year Book, gave an interesting account of the birth of that well-known work of reference at a recent meeting of the Tientsin Rotary Club. He said his only excuse for talking about the China Year Book was that he stood towards it in the position of a parent towards his offspring and a parent was allowed a certain measure of pride towards his offspring and moreover, he was also allowed to bring in a personal note with reference to his own child. He came out to China, continued Mr. Woodhead, when he was just about 19 years of age as a junior on the "North China Daily News."

He was somewhat ambitious and he early started to submit leading articles to the Editor, the late Mr. Robert Little, who was charitable enough occasionally to take one, and his first leader appeared in April 1903. From then on until 1907 when Mr. Little died he contributed various leading articles. Mr. Bell the new Editor, was naturally more willing to accept assistance in the form of leader-writing than a man of Mr. Little's long experience in China, and so it became a custom that once or twice a week he should write the leading article to the "North China Daily News." His subject was chosen for him and was generally somewhat dull and difficult to write about.

Anyhow, he (Mr. Woodhead) rather established a reputation for digging out facts hard of reference either from reference books or the newspaper files.

As time went on it struck him that there was absolutely no dependable work of reference on China from which one could get the most elementary statistics and so about 1907 or 1908 he drew up a prospectus of what he thought should be contained in a "China Reference Book" which he suggested be published annually or every two years. He took it to the Manager of the "North China Daily News" but he scoffed at the whole idea. The Editor of the paper, Mr. Montague Bell, took a more kindly view of the enterprise and suggested, if it was ever possible to proceed with it, that they should work in collaboration. The matter was in abeyance until 1910 when the speaker went home on leave, approached Sir C. Dudgeon (who died only last week) and tried to get the China Association to finance and take some interest in the work. Sir C. Dudgeon thought the idea of the book was quite a good one but he did not see how the China Association could help. The general idea was that the book must appear first.

To Peking.
On his return to China, continued Mr. Woodhead, he found that Mr.

Bell was leaving and going home, and he himself resigned to accept the position of acting correspondent of Reuters News Agency in Peking and the opportunity thus arose of really trying to do something to realise their project. Mr. Bell undertook to approach London publishers and do the chapters which could be compiled from existing books, geography, geology, fauna, people and language, trade statistics, shipping, religions, etc. His (Mr. Woodhead's) share was the compilation of the chapter which had to be done on the spot and which required a good deal of research and original work, e.g. Posts and Telegraphs, the Chinese Government, Army and Navy, Finance, Education, Public Justice, Constitutional Reform, etc. He went up to Peking in May 1911 to take up Reuters Agency. He found very soon that one of the essential factors was the quite elaborate amount of translation from Chinese "that was necessary in shaping the Year Book but Reuters had at that time a first-class translator, Mr. Mu, who undertook to devote an hour or two a day, at a reasonable rate and he read off translations of laws and documents which he (Mr. Woodhead) took down in shorthand.

Mr. Bell at home did his share of the work and arranged with some London publishers to publish it on a royalty basis, the effect of which was roughly that both Mr. Bell and he got sixpence per copy sold! The book duly appeared in January 1912. It was a little yellow book with about 450 pages and about 200,000 words (the 1928 edition contained some 950,000 words) and was very well received. The publishers printed 1,500 and then reprinted 500 and he got about £50 or £500 as his share of the prospects of which he had to spend about \$350 on translations, etc., so his net profit was about \$150! They produced five of these Yellow Books, 1912, '13, '14, '16 and '19, the War interfering between 1916 and 1919. He took his share in four of them but the 1919 volume was done by Mr. Bell in London with the assistance of the Chinese Legation.

As the arrangement with the London publishers was not profitable, he (Mr. Woodhead) conceived the idea of bringing the book out to China and he approached the Tientsin Press who agreed to install the necessary plant. He proceeded to produce the book on an entirely different basis and instead of it being entirely written by one or two men he engaged and retained the services of experts and paid them what they considered a reasonable fee. He started the work in June 1920 and finished on August 1, 1921, and the result was the first Blue Book of 1921-22. The prospects were then excellent, as the invitation to the Washington Conference was issued in August, and the Wajchiaopu ordered 200 copies in connection with that Conference. He then narrated the unexpected obstacles that arose, in-

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Mr. M. B. Shelley has arrived in Singapore from Kuala Lumpur, and will succeed Mr. L. McLean as Colonial Treasurer.

cluding the bankruptcy of his American agents.

Dealing with various aspects of the compilation of the Year Book, Mr. Woodhead said there were certain standing chapters which required annual revision only. Such were the Customs statistics, Railways, Posts, etc. Others needed re-writing or very substantial revision, e.g., Finance, Public Justice, Shipping, Trade and Commerce, Defence, etc.; and in addition, in each edition he tried to include some special feature to make the book of permanent value. Thus the 1928 Edition contained the Report of the Extraterritoriality Commission, the Mixed Court Rendition Agreement, the Boxer Indemnity Report, Nanking Outrages, Hankow and Kluikiang Concessions, Treaty Revision, Sino-Russian Relations, and such matters, and a long and very interesting chapter on the history of the Kuomintang by Mr. Geo. Sokolsky.

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ACROSS THE SEA.

Adaptability of Wireless
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NEW YORK-LONDON.

Engineering Institutions Hold
Successful Joint Meeting.

London, Yesterday.
A meeting at which half the participants sat in London and the remainder in New York today successfully demonstrated the adaptability of long distance wireless telephony. By special arrangement microphones and loudspeakers linked up with the ordinary trans-Atlantic telephone enabled the British and American Institutions of Electrical Engineering to hold a joint meeting and converse together as though both were in the same room.—Reuter.

"STEEL FRAME."

INDIAN COMMENT ON
COMMISSION.

BRITISH BONA FIDES.

New Delhi, Yesterday.
There was an extraordinary spectacle presented on the occasion of the Assembly debate on Mr. Lajpatrai's motion of non-confidence in the constitution and scheme of the Statutory Commission. The House was crowded, the public galleries being packed and the keenest interest was taken in the result of the voting.

Mr. Lajpatrai, whose resolution pledged the Assembly to have nothing to do with the Commission in any shape or form, said he did not believe in the British bona fides. The Commission's ignorance of Indian conditions, history and politics was their greatest disqualification. The Commissioners could only be gramophones of bureaucracy and eventually gramophones of the Secretary of State. Furthermore, the Indian problem was beyond the competence of any Commission. He concluded by declaring that the Nationalists were open to negotiations but refused to be the victims of camouflage. "As long as the British steel frame surrounds us it is impossible to achieve anything."—Reuter.

Member Dies.

The session was adjourned owing to the sudden death of a Sind Non-Mohammedan rural member, Hahchandrai Vishindas, who although very ill went to Delhi from Karachi in response to an urgent nationalist whip in order to vote against the Commission. Vishindas was being conveyed to a house in an ambulance car and died on route.—Reuter.

THE FLYING BOATS.

AIR TOURISTS' ARRIVE
AT SINGAPORE.

Singapore, Yesterday.
The four Royal Air Force flying boats have arrived, having covered the 500 miles from Mergul in Burma in seven hours. They will remain at Penang for a week.—Reuter.

HINKLER AT CALCUTTA.

Calcutta, Yesterday.
Captain Hinkler has arrived.—Reuter.

COMING TO CHINA.

New York, Yesterday.
Costes and Lebriz declared to a Havas representative that they will shortly hop off to San Francisco where they will embark for Tokyo. Thence they will return to France aboard an aeroplane across China, India, Turkey, Greece and Italy.—Reuter.

SOVIET PLANS.

PEACE SUGGESTIONS TO BE
CONSIDERED.

Geneva, Yesterday.
The Soviet disarmament proposals are being examined by a meeting on the preparatory disarmament commission on March 15. The commission will also discuss the work of the arbitration and security committee.—Reuter.

THE SALT GABELLE.

Immense Drop in
Revenue.

A BAD YEAR.

Call On Customs To Meet Loan
Obligations.

Peking, Yesterday.
The total net Salt Revenue lodged with the Group Banks in 1927 amounted to \$5,350,000, a decrease of \$1,265,000 compared with 1926. Excluding the amounts retained locally and credited during that year in the Group Banks by special arrangement the revenue retained by provincial authorities in 1927 amounted to \$52,557,000 against \$47,672,000 in 1926.

Lodgements with the Group Banks and local appropriations amounted to \$57,907,000, a decrease of \$6,379,000.

The report of the Gabelle says the decrease is due to the civil wars and military interference. Only Chihli and Shantung districts in 1927 remitted revenue to the Group Banks.

Foreign Obligations.
With the exception of \$2,750,000 paid as subsidy from the Group Banks to the Chihli Tapan, there was no release for the general purposes of the Chinese Government whereas \$8,858,000 was so released in 1926.

\$6,497,944 was paid on account of foreign obligations secured on the Salt Revenues.

The Yearly Services Reorganization Loan (1913) was arranged in the first instance by the Salt Administration and subsequently refunded in full by the Customs.

Scarcity of Funds.
Scarcity of funds prevented the full payment of foreign obligations secured on the salt, while the usual service of part of the Hukuangs and the full service of the Crisp Loan was paid by balances carried over from the previous year and the lodgements in the Group Banks 1927 funds were insufficient to meet the instalment on amortisation due in 1927 and the Anglo-French loan amounting to a quarter of a million sterling. The balance with the Group Banks could not be maintained at the former sum of seven millions and amounted at the end of 1927 to \$1,014,000 compared with \$4,860,000 at the end of 1926.—Reuter.

LATE EARL OXFORD.

TRIBUTES IN THE HOUSE
OF COMMONS.

London, Yesterday.
The House of Commons adjourned at four this afternoon as a tribute of respect to the late Earl Oxford.

Mr. Baldwin, moving the adjournment, paid a tribute to deceased, "Perhaps one of the greatest Parliamentarians of the last century." He was a fine, intellectual scholar and a speaker unrivalled in his own generation, of unassailable integrity and unwavering loyalty and magnanimity. Messrs. Ramsay MacDonald, Lloyd George and T. P. O'Connor also joined in the tribute.—Reuter.

The Burial.
The late Earl Oxford will be buried at All Saints Church, Sutton Courtney, on February 20. Only relations and friends will be present.—Reuter.

The House of Lords.
In the House of Lords the Marquess of Salisbury, Conservative Leader, said Lord Oxford was a great party leader, statesman and administrator would hold a tremendous position in English history. As Premier in 1914 he had the moral courage to accept the arbitration of war though no man was more opposed to war.

Lord Haldane, for the Labour Party, and Lord Grey, Liberal, joined in the tribute. Lord Grey who was Foreign Secretary at the outbreak of war in 1914 and declared that the fact that this country came into the war as it did with practical unanimity was due, he believed, to the effect of the qualities displayed by Mr. Asquith.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The clearing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/6 3/16.

EXACTLY THE SAME.

Britain and Submarine
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THE SMALLER NATIONS.

Those Who Regard Submarines
As Only Weapon.

London, Yesterday.
Britain's attitude towards the proposed abolition of submarines was voiced by Mr. W. C. Bridgeman at the Constitutional Club. He said: "Our position is exactly the same as stated at Washington. We are glad if submarines can be abolished, but the weaker and smaller countries regard submarines as the only weapon, and we have to take them into consideration."—Reuter.

CABLE LINES.

QUESTIONS IN HOUSE OF
COMMONS.

GOVT. ASSURANCE.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons Comdr. C. Bellairs asked Mr. Churchill whether, in view of trading and Empire interests involved by competition between the telegraph companies, the Treasury would exercise similar pressure to prevent the amalgamation of companies as they had done in the case of large banks in the Empire.

Mr. Churchill replied that the subject was being comprehensively reviewed. At present he was not in position to make a statement thereon. Comdr. Bellairs asked: would Mr. Churchill bear in mind the fear of the public that action by the Government concerned might be determined by ownership of the Pacific Cable—and "that is a danger we want avoid."

Mr. Churchill replied that the most careful attention was being given to the matter in all its bearings.—Reuter.

GOSSIP.

U.S. NAVAL SECRETARY AND
ADMIRAL.

New York, Yesterday.

The newspapers note the absence of Mr. Wilbur from the banquet on the occasion of Rear Admiral Plunkett's retirement owing to age. Mr. Wilbur excused himself on a plea that he had to appear before the House of Representatives naval committee, but the "New York Times" says that Mr. Wilbur told Colonel Simmons, president of the American Marine Association, that he would be unable to attend because he would appear to endorse Plunkett's speech of January 21.

[In this speech Admiral Plunkett criticised the new American naval programme.]

"Cuts" Probable.

New York, Yesterday.
The "Evening Post's" Washington correspondent states that as the result of a flood of protests against the Government's naval programme, Congress is likely to make considerable cuts in the original estimate of the 25 cruisers demanded. The Navy Department may be limited to 15 while the appropriation for submarines may be deleted as the result of the sinking of the S-4 and Mr. Kellogg's recent gesture in favour of the abandonment of submarines.

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A test will be carried out from the Lee Theatre at 6.15 p.m. to-day on wave length metres 340.

It is proposed to announce the reception received at various localities during the last test which will, no doubt be of interest of those listening in.

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